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**HUSKY**









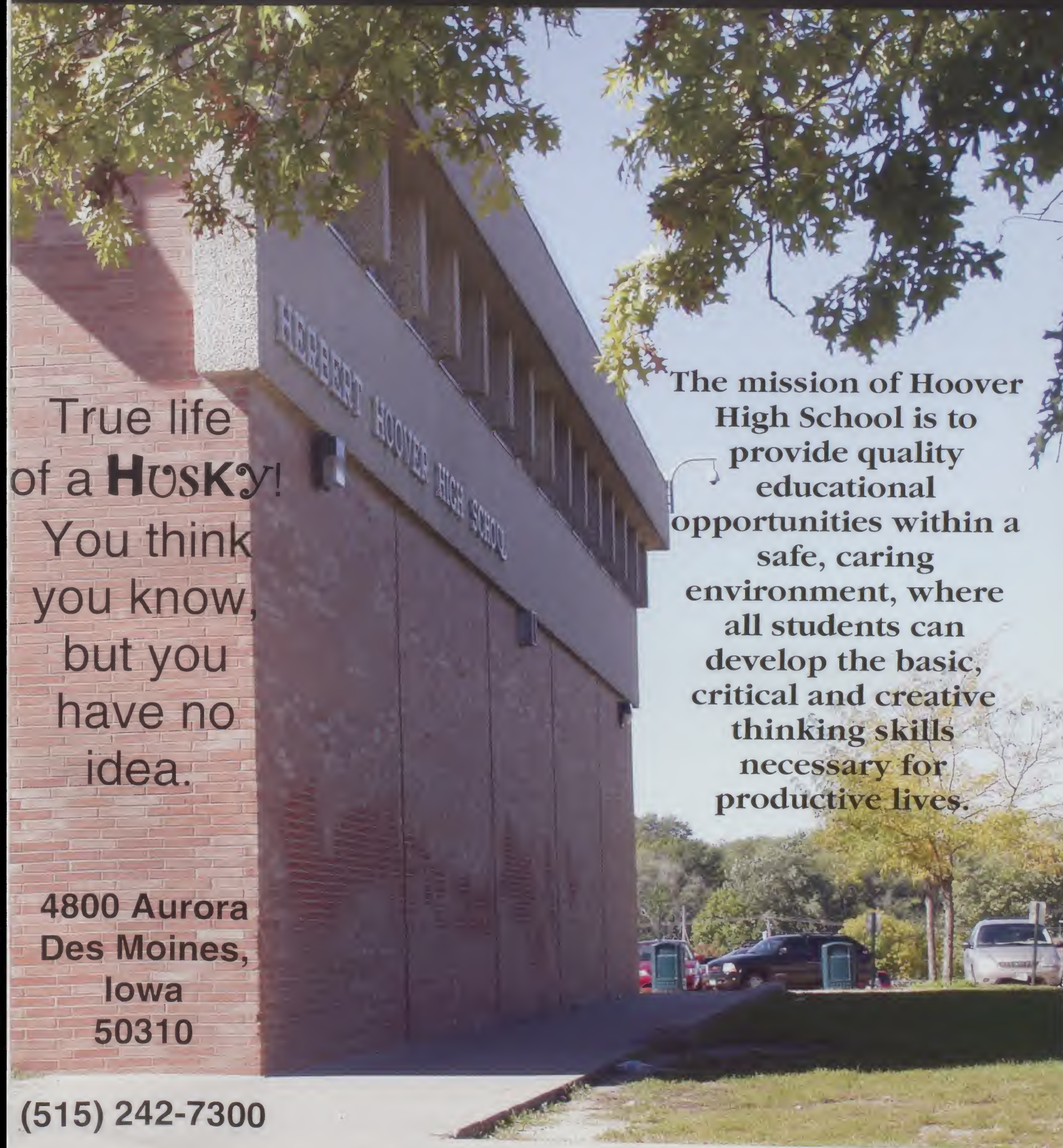
# Herbert Hoover High School

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# Editors

Going beyond the call of duty,  
to do something that we love!

Being one of the only people on staff that hasn't taken journalism made becoming an editor one of the furthest things from my mind, something that I wanted but wasn't so sure I would be able to get it in the beginning. I tried and worked even harder than most trying to prove myself. I loved the feeling of meeting a deadline or getting my page done before it was due. I tried to work hard for something that I decided I wanted: being an editor just put the icing on the cake.

Since I was already so involved it just added to the things I wanted to accomplish. Most people think that I am only the photographer and not the editor, which is fine because I love doing both. Being an editor is more than what people think, a harder task that people think is a walk in the park. I have to basically be someone's mom, which I hate, making sure people get things done, and hassling them until it has been done.

I think this year we have accomplished so much, went beyond the call of duty to try and make the book better than it has been previous years. We had a smaller staff than usual so getting things done was a little more work, but our staff (mine and Stephanie's) made things easier, they worked their butts off to get it done. No one knows how it is to basically live in Pilcher's room, staying after school for hours to make a deadline, editing until your eyes hurt, and designing pages until late hours of the night, going beyond the call of duty. That's my job as an editor and I LOVE IT!! I also want to say I will miss you guys more than you know. Love you all. **EVERYONE THINKS THEY KNOW BUT REALLY THEY HAVE NO IDEA!**  
- Dana Hall

Ever since I started yearbook my sophomore year, I've always felt a sense of accomplishment in everything I did, this year more than ever before. Being an editor is more than taking pictures, which is a common misconception. It's more than parties when we meet a deadline or going out on ad days. It's being a leader and taking control. Having to be the mean one and get on your best friends to get their stuff done.

Being editor of a yearbook for my entire school is an absolute honor to be a part of and it is something that has helped me become the person I am today. Some advice to my future editors: make sure you have at least one student service period with Pilch. You'll need it! Also, by the time of your second deadline you will swear that you'll never set foot in room 172 again after the book is complete, because you'll be so sick of sitting at a computer editing. It's an amazing experience and watch out for Pilch's weird nick names. I got stuck with "Musty". As editors, Dana and I got stuck with "Stana". It's tough work but 100 percent worth it, and never forget that. **EVERYONE THINKS THEY KNOW BUT REALLY THEY HAVE NO IDEA!**

GOOD LUCK MY FUTURE EDITORS! -Stephanie Mulstay



Soccer- played since I was five and Varsity letter winner all four years  
Act-So- Senior Year  
Yearbook- 10,11,12(editor)  
Senior board  
Student Council- Senior Year  
Amazing basketball manager  
Talent Show President



Best Buddies- 10,11,12 (VP)  
Yearbook- 10,11,12 (editor)  
Student Council- Jr. class president, student body vice president  
Bowling- 10,11,12  
NCYL  
Senior board

## FACTS FROM US (STANA)

FACT: We're not just editors, we are very involved and love everything that we do.  
FACT: We do hang out as much as it seems.  
FACT: We may say we can't wait to be done, but honestly we will miss it like crazy.  
FACT: We love our staff and we are so proud of them and the things they have accomplished.  
FACT: We hope you love the yearbook as much as we loved putting it together.  
FACT: If it seemed like we were in room 172 a lot we were, we basically lived there.  
FACT: We love Pilcher, and even though when we loved something, he hated it.  
He's GREAT, so thanks, Pilch!!  
FACT: We really don't like pink this much, it just looked good!







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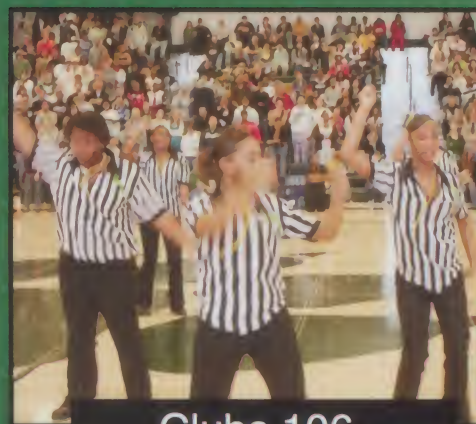


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# [S]tudent Life

Being more than the student, taking forever to get ready for a dance, those horrible days when you didn't know who you would take to the next dance.

Tailgating with your fellow peers, showing that school spirit at all the school events, tee peeing the school like it's your last time and being tired because you had to work late at your job. All of these things are what make high school great. Hanging with your friends on the weekends. Taking pictures like you don't already have enough and living life like it's your last day, **YOU**

**THINK YOU KNOW  
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Senior Jesse Christianson holds senior Katie Taylor (above) during the performance of the Prodigious snob. Senior Jon McCutchen and his sister Alexis Edwards (right) perform at the talent show. Edwards sang Faith. Seniors Aaron Gutt and Gabe Long (far right) work hard to get the grill started while tailgating before a varsity football game.



The student section (top left) huddles up as the boys varsity basketball team does. The student section does this at every game. Juniors Sir William Bevis and Jentay Curry (top right) collect money in honor of Lil' Will. The student section (above) does a cheer with the cheerleaders.







Sophomores Jake Sullivan and Nate Clark yell at the Homecoming football game against Lincoln. The team was winning at half time but lost. **Senior** Evan Eastman and junior Wesley Dawson show off their Hoover attire for the camera. This was at a boys varsity game against Johnston. **Freshman** Reggie White gets ready to throw a ball at the target that will send principal Doug Wheeler into a pool of water. White is one of the starters for the varsity basketball team. **Senior** Gabe Long, sophomore Emily Dungan, and seniors Leslie Millard and Jenny Stites ride along as senior Eden Stokka drives at the car rally. Every year Student Council has a car rally before the Homecoming football game. **Seniors** Laurah Mwirichia, Anya Peter, junior Evelina Beganovic, sophomore Katie King and senior Leslie Millard carry a blanket around so the crowd can throw their change in to help support the cheerleaders.



NHS members senior Hilary Pierson, junior Bea Rendon, and seniors Amanda Achey and Elizabeth Hewitt watch other schools put up their boxes at Reggie's Sleepout. Reggie's Sleepout is held every year at Drake stadium. **Seniors** Jasmine Haynes and Madison Sconiers, and juniors Tysha Smith and Te-Aria Mahaney break it down at half time of the boys varsity game.



T-T-T... Totally dude !

# Club H<sup>2</sup>S

It's a tradition for girls to get all pretty for the dance, or just go all out with the theme. No one really knows what it takes to get ready.

The last week of September is nothing but fun, football and the Homecoming dance.

Since late July student council has been planning a Homecoming dance. Around school there are posters and people reminding the students about the big night.

Some things that they have to do to get ready for homecoming is get a committee organized, figure out the budget and have ticket sales.

From early in the morning until early

afternoon, the Homecoming committee and Student Council (STUCO) are up and getting the dance ready for the big night. The students put a lot of their time and effort into making the Homecoming dance great.

"It's going to be better than last year," sophomore Jake Sullivan said.

The homecoming committee is trying something new.

"They sold strawberry daiquiris. . . virgin, for \$1," junior Samantha Ricke said.

Students are excited for the dance and are ready to walk down the red carpet.

"I am very excited for the dance," freshman Audrey Monroe said.

## look who's talking

WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE DANCE?

"Fun, and pretty kick-butt."

freshman Nathan Brown



"I didn't actually go to the dance, but I went to a lot of after parties and they were fun."

junior Wesley Dawson



"It was boring because of the DJ. If there was a different DJ, it would have been fun."

sophomore Antoinette Bell



"The dance was OK; I liked the decorations, but I wish more people would have danced."

sophomore Kayleigh Wren



"I didn't go; I haven't gone to a dance since my freshman year."

senior Zachary Toole



"When they played the song Sand Storm because techno music is awesome and it was one of the better songs that they played."

sophomore Alex Kilgore



"The set up and how it looked like a club. All the glow sticks reminded me of a rave, and last but not least the ladies."

junior Alex Buscher



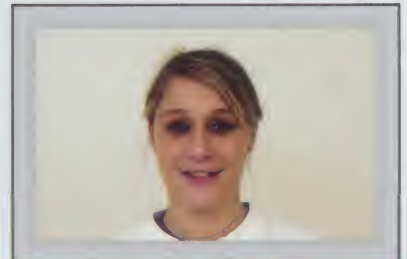
Seniors Leslie Millard, Hillary Butler, Katie Lovan, Jennifer Stites and sophomore Jason Reichenbacher take a quick break from the dance at Homecoming Sept. 29.





Many students do the Cha- Cha Slide at Homecoming; it's like a tradition. DJ Chill is a senior at Johnston High; this is something new, when usually DJ Ism DJ's the dances.

Laura Allie speaks out!



Q: Do you go to after parties?

A: "I am the after party."

Q: What do you do to get ready?

A: "I do my everyday routine; I get dressed, do my hair, make-up, e.t.c."

Q: What was your happiest homecoming moment?

A: "When the juniors beat the seniors in 2007."

Q: Do you have a certain time you have to be home? If so what time?

A: "Negatory, I don't have a curfew."



**Senior** Robert Patton, juniors Alex Franklin and DeAmbre Zanders, senior Kevin Parker, and juniors Corey Lewis and John Freeman pose for a picture in front of the club H2S backdrop.

**Juniors** Erin Wilson, Shayna Poindexter and Tyesha Smith pose for a quick picture in front of the H2S backdrop.



**Seniors** Jaqueline Bruce, Chanel Adair and Larissa King (right) show off their shades.

**Sophomores** Lesha Quinn, Susan Ngugi, Junior Britley, sophomores Terikah Mahaney and Ariana Harris (below) show off their hip outfits.





# Let's play dress up

## *Spirit Week gives students an excuse to be someone else*

Spirit Week happens but once a year, and is designed to get students excited for Homecoming and the new school year. Each day is chosen to give students a way to have fun in more than one way.

"It's nice to get involved with Spirit Week because it's fun to show support," senior Jennifer Peppers said.

Only about one-third of the student body participates in Spirit Week. Many don't know about the preparation Student Council (STUCO) goes through to provide information to the students.

"People don't participate because they aren't motivated or just don't have friends who care to encourage them," senior Nhu Le said.

Another thing students don't know about Spirit Week is that the teachers actually enjoy it. It gives them an excuse to be goofy and show kids their fun side.

"It's good that teachers participate because it makes class more interesting, shows that they care, and can let things go to have fun," Peppers said.

There are more teachers that participate than students and it helps give them a chance to bond with students.

Also students learn how to enjoy themselves in class, but still know that they should be serious.

"If someone isn't sure what to wear or how to participate, they should just look around their house," Le said.

Spirit Week isn't about who has the best outfit or if they match, it's about pride in the school.

"I enjoy Spirit Week most because you can dress up as someone or something else," Peppers said. Everyone should show their pride and support their school. It gives students a chance to have fun with people they normally wouldn't hang around with.

"I don't participate daily, but I try because it's my senior year and it's exciting and fun to have students look up to you because you care and can have fun," Le said.



Math teacher Laura Brincks dresses up on wacky day and teaches class during third period. She is one of the teachers who participates every year.



Principal Doug Wheeler takes a quick breather after being dunked in the dunk tank. This is the first year having an hour long lunch and a dunk tank during Spirit Week.



Seniors Alisa Husidic and Devon Campbell were crowned queen and king. Both were excited about the event and went to the game to support the football team.



## P-A-R-T-I-C-I-P-A-T-E

How often do you participate in spirit week?

**35%** Daily (5)

**60%** Sometimes (3-4)

**5%** Rarely (1-2)



Freshman Dylan Warren gives two thumbs up about school spirit. He put his outfit together the morning before school.

Math teacher Josh Griffith (below) plays with a calculator during his third period. He thinks it's important for all students to get into spirit week.



Sophomore RaeShawn Davis (above) takes a break during English class on Wacky Day. She participated by wearing bright and wacky colors.

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Pajama Day

Tuesday:  
9th-Backwards Day  
10th- ER Day  
11th-Hawaiian Day  
12th- Toga Day

Wednesday:  
Wacky Day

Thursday:  
Jersey Day

Friday:  
Green and Gold Day

Seniors Alaina Andorf and Steven Crane (below) strike a pose during the Homecoming assembly. Both were nominated for king and queen and are involved in choir and drama.





Sophomores Amy Uhl, Elizabeth Thomas, Alexandria Reif and Yolanda Reyes stand and watch the assembly. They get ready to cheer for their class. The sophomore cheerleaders made class shirts for everyone who wanted to purchase one.



V-I-C-T-O-R-Y spells victory, leading the whole school into the spirit stick competition. Which class is louder?

Who really has the most spirit? Most say seniors, even though the classes will defend their own.

Pep assemblies are always loud and crazy. Students scream, dance and laugh.

Cheerleaders pump up their classes for the traditional battle cry, seeing which class has the most spirit and pride.

"I think the sophomores are the loudest," freshmen Lucas Hallman said, but every student's opinion differs.

"Seniors always win because they know how to be loud and show spirit," sophomore Cassie Brown said. Seniors are the ones all decked out in green and gold and yelling their heads off, although there is more to spirit than that.

"I think for someone to have school spirit, they need pride in themselves and they have to want to participate," publications adviser and assembly announcer Timm Pilcher said. All the classes usually participate in the assemblies, but some don't.

"I think if we had decorations, with everyone dressing up and have more teachers involved, the assemblies would be better. More students would participate," junior Samantha Johnson said. Getting more staff involved would pump up the whole spirit because everyone would be participating, not just the students.

"I like the assemblies because its fun to see all the classes do the battle cry," senior Morgan Mortenson said. If everyone got together we could make the assemblies a lot more fun.

"Assemblies are fun because it gives me a chance to yell," Hallman said.

"Having school spirit and participating in all the activities is fun," Brown said.

Although seniors won as juniors, what do you have to lose from participating?



Seniors Anya Peter, Amanda Fordyce, and Leslie Millard (above) sit and watch the assembly. They wait for announcer Timm Pilcher's word to start the battle cry.



Senior John Mozee (left) holds the spirit stick high in the air. The seniors won the spirit stick and are proud!

# Got that **PEP** in your step?

There is more to spirit than you think.



Vice principal Timm Schochenmaier (above) holds the spirit stick, trying to decide who she thinks is the loudest. The other classes wait while she decides, hoping she will give it to them. **Teacher** and announcer Timm Pilcher (left) looks at his script while he announces the homecoming court. Pilcher has been announcing for seven years.

## Announce *this* Timm Pilcher

Q: Do you think pep assemblies are fun?

A: "Assemblies have improved dramatically over the eight years I have been here."

Q: Do you think the spirit stick judging is fair?

A: "Yes I do, we always have people judge that aren't connected in any way."

Q: What class do you think has the most spirit?

A: "Seniors because they have been here the longest, they get into it and are use dto doing that kind of stuff."

Q: What do you think it takes to have spirit?

A: "I think you need pride in yourself because it's what you do and how you participate. Hoover suffers from lack of tradition, so it doesn't leave much room for having pride in your school."





-Junior-  
Ricky Burt

## The *other* side... to pep assemblies

"The only reason I like them is because I get out of class, the bad part is I have to go."

"There is really no point to have them, they don't help anything."

"The assemblies are depressing...we always lose, there is no point."

"Assemblies could be better if we didn't have them or make it optional to leave."

Seniors Ashley Signs, Jessica Cam, Sara Halverson, Peter Schoenberg, Mike Kuhn, Chuckie Burell, Nikki Kemp, Erika Tyler, Stephon James, Andy Allen, Nhu Le, Stephanie Mulstay, Laura Gates, Chase Anderson, Evan Eastman and Gabriel Long yell as loud as they can during the Homecoming pep assembly. The seniors also won the spirit stick as juniors.



## She said ...

**-Evelina Beganovic-**

**Q: What do you think about the freshmen and sophomores not being able to participate?**

**A: "It's tradition for the juniors and seniors to play; just wait until you're a junior!"**

**Q: Do you think it would be a good idea to have a freshmen and sophomore team that plays the junior and seniors?**

**A: "No, that would not be a good idea, a lot of girls would be mad!"**

**-Husref Jupic-**

**Q: What do you think about the freshmen and sophomores not being able to participate?**

**A: "I feel bad for them; it's a great thing."**

**Q: Do you think it would be a good idea to have a freshmen and sophomore team that plays the juniors and seniors?**

**A: "Yes because they're missing out on a lot of fun."**

**-Katie Zenz-**

**Q: What do you think about the freshmen and sophomores not being able to participate?**

**A: "It sucks, but I had to wait two years so they will too. No one pays much attention to them anyways, when it comes to functions like this."**

**Q: Do you think it would be a good idea to have a freshmen and sophomore team that plays the juniors and seniors?**

**A: "It would be fun."**

Seniors Alaina Andorf and Erika Tyler listen to senior powder puff offensive coach Stephon James as he gives directions. James plays varsity football and runs track. Tyler plays soccer and Andorf is in Hoover Ministry, drama and choir.

# Switching Roles

## Boys in skirts ... girls in football jerseys

Girls playing football, boys cheerleading; that doesn't seem right, but it's becoming a homecoming tradition.

During homecoming week, the girls and boys of the senior and junior classes switch roles. Starting 2-3 weeks before the actual game. The senior class has worked really hard this year.

"We take powder puff seriously; we have about four practices a week, ranging from 2-3 hours," senior Amanda Fordyce said. On the other hand, juniors didn't work so hard.

"Our team doesn't really work hard at practice," junior Katie Zenz said. Though the juniors goofed around at practice, they had great sportsmanship. "Yeah, I have good sportsmanship because I don't care what the outcomes is; I'd rather go out there and just have fun doing it," junior Evelina Beganovic said.

With good fun and hard work, it made a great game, but why do they do it?

"I think powder puff is really fun. You get to bond with the girls, act like a team, and there is the fun rivalry tradition against the junior class," Fordyce said.

"I did powder puff because I love Homecoming week, I love participating and I try to do as much as I can. Also, it's a fun rivalry between the juniors and seniors, so why not?" Beganovic said.

Also to support powder puff, the teams sported their classes during spirit week.

"I dress up on all the days and I decorate my shirt to support the junior class," Zenz said. Along with the powder puff players, the guy cheerleaders dressed up to support their team.

"We dress up like cheerleaders: we increase our chest size, wear skirts, and carry pom poms," senior Drew Foster said. A lot of the girls loved seeing the boys cheer.

"Without the guys, it wouldn't be as fun and silly," Zenz said. Being a tradition for the guys to cheer and the girls to play, everyone loved it and had a blast participating.

"I am going to miss the fun times that have helped build unity as a class. I will also miss cheering, it's fun to just be silly with the guys and dress up like a girl for a day. That's what powder puff cheerleading is all about: cross-dressing," Foster said.

Switching roles can be the most fun thing if made that way. It brings a lot of good times and memories that will never be forgotten.



Senior male cheerleaders (below) line up on the sidelines cheering on the girls. The boys pumped up the crowd and attempted pyramids. "They were outstandingly good and funny," senior McClain McCollum said.







Senior Steven Crane (left) holds up his flag with pride. He points his finger up at the scoreboard, implying that the seniors will win.



Seniors Laura Gates, Brianna Landis and Kirstene Dontje (above) get in their "ready positions". Gates and Landis played powder puff their junior year. This is Dontje's first year playing.



**Seniors** (left) stand one the sidelines discussing the game. play.



**Juniors** (right) Quarter back Anna Moody talks with coach Husref Jupic about the next play.



Junior male cheerleaders (above) stand and try to think of a cheer to do.



The juniors line up against the seniors Laura Gates, Shaqueta Fox, Alyssa McNealy and Madison Sconiers on the field, down and ready for their play. At this point the juniors are in the lead by seven.

## FINAL SCORE

JUNIORS SENIORS

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Senior Andrea Jones (above) catches the ball and gets ready to run. Jones played wide receiver in the game.



# The Working Class

Is the money worth the effort? These students seem to think so ...

Working is an essential part of high school students life. It's a way to make money without asking parents, it's a way for you to meet new people, and it will help prepare you for work in the real world. Corey Lewis, 16, is a junior who works at Finish Line in Merle Hay Mall.

"I work at Finish Line because everyone loves shoes, plus I get a discount," Lewis said. Lewis participates in History Club and basketball.

"During basketball season, I don't get to work as much," Lewis said. Lewis usually works between 15-30 hours a week.

"Working together is so cool. One time we played a basketball game against the Valley West Finish line. It doesn't get much better then that," Lewis said.

Another hard worker is 17-year-old senior Chantelle Wildt. She works at First Assembly of God Daycare. Wildt participates in soccer, senior board, and is a manager for the boys basketball team.

"I love kids and I wanted a job that I like going to," Wildt said.

"When I got this job I was nervous, because I was taking care of other peoples kids and I didn't want to mess up," Wildt said.

Working takes a lot of time from the schedule and students don't exactly have time to hang out with friends as much as they may want to.

"I have to find time for my friends," Wildt said.

"Sometimes I have to work late when they need extra help or when shipment comes in," Lewis said.

"Sometimes I also have to stay up late working on school work," Lewis continues. Evan Wilson, 17, is a senior that works at Target in Merle Hay Mall. He plans on working there until he goes to college if not longer. Wilson is also a part of the baseball team, the swimming team, and the bowling team. Wilson works until 9:45 pm at the latest.

"I don't want to do my homework when I get back from work," Wilson said.

"Some highlights to working are money, and you get to meet new people," Wilson said.

Senior Emily Nation, 17, works at Hobby Lobby. Nation would recommend people to work there because "it's just really fun, and the people are cool."

Nation is part of Best Buddies, Mock Trial and Silver Chord.

"Work makes doing those activities harder," Nation said. Nation is a cashier in the fabrics section. Work also affects Nations school work too.

"If I had more hours in the day I could get more homework done," Nation said.

Working is a big part of the students lives. It is a way to get money without having to ask parents, and it's a way to meet and work with new people, but most of all its a way for students to prepare to work in the real world. Just remember that school is still a priority as well.

What's so good about having a job?



"I get to see movies for free and I get paid." Junior Charles Zanders said. Zanders works at Wynsong 16 and has been working there for two years.



"Getting paid. It feels good to know it's your own money," junior Aaron Stevens said. Stevens works at Green Briar and has been working there for one year.



"Paychecks are always nice, helping others is fun, and I like to meet new people," Alexander LeRoy said. LeRoy works at Maid Rite and has been working there for three months.



Clockwise: **Senior** Andrea (left) Jones looks at some merchandise online at Finish Line.com. Jones also works at Applebee's on Merle Hay road. **Junior** Amanda Mason (middle left) laces up some shoes for a customer at Kids Foot Locker. **Junior** Joseph Crawford (middle right) seats a customer before he takes her order at Bakers Square. **Junior** Corey Lewis (right) puts shoes on the shelf at Finish Line in Merle Hay Mall.



# TheHott List

Day to day, teenagers and parents have to suffer with high gas prices. The prices range anywhere from about \$2.54-\$3.05 per gallon.

"I get gas about once every week, spending about \$200 each month," nurse associate Debbie Terry said.

People pay for gas in many different ways.

Some parents help pay, some have jobs and some save money made during the summer and use it for gas.

Gas prices are about 47 cents higher than they were a year ago, according to www.cnn.com. As of October, gas prices fell four cents.

"I've been driving for about 28 years now, and the

cheapest I ever remember gas being was about 35 cents per gallon," librarian assistant Carrie Kent said.

"Gas prices are outrageous! because they're so high a lot of people have to car pool or walk and find other ways of transportation, so there is positives to this too," senior Katie Lovan said.

Many people think that the gas prices should go down because they are very high and expensive.

"I wish they would find alternate fuel sources," said Kent.

"It makes me mad that the prices on gas keeps going up and increasing," senior Joe Markey said.

## Sophomore

Darius Winters has the sporty look wearing the casual zip up and classic Hoover shirt.



Senior Chuckie Burrell text messages in the long hall way. Here you can see his matching Air Force ones and shirts.

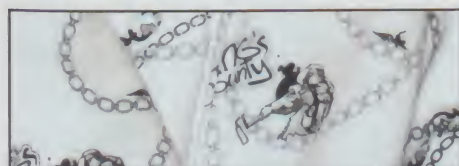
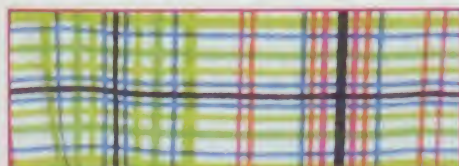


Junior Katie Zenz shows off her pink baby doll top. Longer shirts have been a big hit this year.

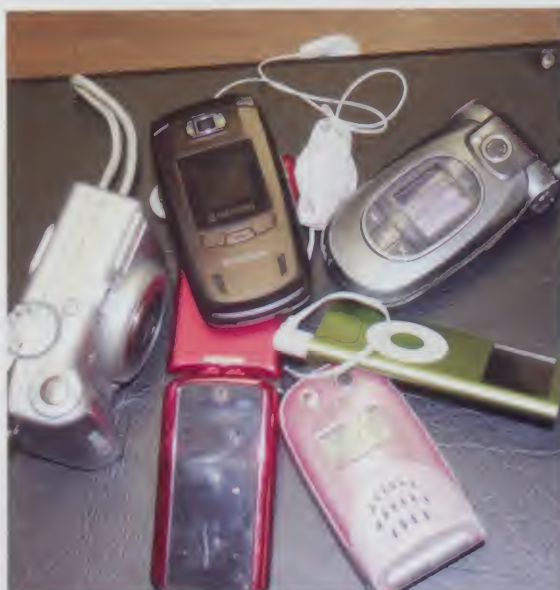


## Students

(below) show off their kicks. Nike air force ones and Air Jordan's have been a popular brand of shoe.



Funky patterned jackets (above) have been a growing trend. From Random colors to repeating objects



Cell Phones, iPods, Mp3 players and digital cameras are popular sources of communication, entertainment and capturing fun moments.



Flats (top) are a popular shoe trend for girls.

Big and funky purses (above) are also common among the ladies.

Mini Mag-Ashley Lawrence (15



# Lights, camera, action

## Behind the scenes of *The Prodigious Snob*



Lights, camera, action, and the play begins.

Students don't know how far ahead drama prepares for a play. Drama is self supporting, builds their own set, and has team spirit and commitment.

"Students audition at the end of the previous year, memorize their lines, study the time the play takes place, analyze each character, and learn how it relates to their common world," drama teacher Dennis Hildreth said.

The drama department gets their funding from selling play tickets, flowers and food at the plays. They also do fundraisers and recently got a grant for new sound systems.

"The props for the stage are built in the drama room from scratch and anyone can help build them. It isn't just for drama and play students," senior Joseph Ghormley said.

There is one day that everyone in the play is required to attend because so much time is put into the preparation. Students that are in the play have rehearsal 15 hours a week until the week of the play then they do 15 hours in three days.



**Junior** Valerie Vivian (top) and senior Steven Crane take a quick breather. They played Kyker's side kicks during the play.

**Sophomores** Alyssa Gourd and senior Katie Taylor (middle) comfort senior Jessie Christenson after she has been disappointed by her husband.

**Senior** Sam Kyker and junior Stephanie Mondon (bottom) work together to get Kyker's robe to be the perfect fit. Mondon played the tailor's assistant and sucked up to Kyker to get some spare change.



Seniors Adam Beaves and Katie Taylor stay close together because of their strong loving bond. Both have been in plays directed by Catie Miller.

"The only thing I don't like about being in plays is the time commitment because when people ask me to hang out after school I have to say I can't. I have rehearsal," senior Hillary Pierson said.

Students can learn more than just acting from being in a play. They can learn how to use their body and have a louder voice so they won't be scared to speak in public.

"I've made a lot of friends, become more outgoing, and it's a good character builder," Pierson said.

This year is different for the students because the seniors from last year are gone so people who didn't have lead roles now do. There are also no freshmen and Cathi Miller directed the play.

"I regret waiting so long to go out for the play, life's too short to pass the opportunity up, people are cool and there are skills that I've learned that I will continue to use in the future," Ghormley said.

Although there is no physical reward for being in a play or drama students still line up to audition. Many students go to the play for extra credit and not to see the potential their fellow classmates have.

"Being the director of so many plays I couldn't identify a favorite memory but all of my memories have to do with students achieving their potential," Hildreth said.



Seniors Alaina Andorf and Anthony Olson show off their music skills. Both have been in plays for two years.





**Seniors Adam Beaves and Katie Taylor** let their love run wild on stage. Taylor played a maid and Beaves played a servant.



**Seniors Jessie Christenson and Sam Kyker** argue with each other. They were married in the play and didn't get along very well.



**Senior Steven Crane** cracks senior Sam Kyker's back because Kyker is the king. Senior Joseph Ghormley approaches Kyker to ask for his daughter's hand in marriage. Ghormley and Crane haven't taken drama but were stars in the play.

**Seniors Adam Beaves and Joseph Ghormley** (below) comfort each other because they can't be with the women they love. Beaves is also part of the theater arts class.

**Seniors Laurah Mwinchia and Joseph Ghormley** (below) confess their love to each other even though they can't be together. Mwinchia is also involved in cheerleading.



**Senior Adam Beaves** puts a chair together during theater arts class the day of the play. Theater arts builds the entire set for all the plays.



**Juniors Shawn Knapp and Jordan Saltonstall** work together to build the background for the setting. Both were in the play and helped build the set.

## *What would you say to someone who wants to try out for a play?*



**-Junior Tim Nelson-**  
"It's a wonderful experience and a great way to make friends."



**-Senior Hillary Pierson-**  
"Just go for it because there is no such thing as a small part, there just a small person."



**-Sophomore Alyssa Gourd-**  
"Go for it and don't be nervous, and if you don't make it, try again."



**-Senior Joseph Ghormley-**  
"Just go for it because life's too short to waste time and regret it later."



# BACKSTAGE PASS

## ADMIT ONE



Juniors Hillary Olson and Evan Hoyt (left) sit at a table on stage talking. Both Hoyt and Olson have been in drama since freshman year.



Senior Sam Kyker and junior Evan Hoyt (left) get up close and personal on stage. Both actors work well together on stage.



Juniors Jordan Saltonstall, Hilary Olson and senior Adam Stern (left) raise their hands and bow to the audience. The crowd was ecstatic.



Seniors Adam Beaves, Kendra Sawnsen and Sam Kyker get into the whole place atmosphere and get into their characters. This will be one of the last plays of their high school career.

## The action behind the scenes

With a little Christmas twist, the winter play was a hit. The play was packed and the audience loved the hilarious show.

But, unknown to all is what it took to make this great performance.

"My job is to help build the set for the play," sophomore Korissa Seeley said.

With a lot of hard work and patience the cast and crew made all this possible.

"All the work isn't exactly as stressful as it is time consuming," junior Jordan Saltonstall said.

Using up all their time, the drama and theater arts department kept busy. There is a lot more to just building a set and remembering lines.

"Backstage, you need to work with the props, put them in the right spots; we run

around backstage. Also you can't speak loud, we whisper everything during the play. We also have very dim light to work with and to transfer you have to go behind the curtain; it's like three feet of space we have to work with," junior Aaron Homard said.

With very hectic shows, everyone has a part to make this possible. Whether their going into drama or theater arts or not.

"Sometimes I'd rather jump off a building, but, yes, it's the most fun thing I do in school," Saltonstall said.

"I enjoy it a lot. I am hoping to major in theater and music education," Homard said.

Now, knowing a little behind the scenes action there's still a lot of hard work and fun times you get out of drama and theater arts.







Seniors Sam Kyker played Scrooge, Dan Oswald played the young Scrooge and junior Valerie Vivian played the Ghost of Christmas Past, going back into time to see how Scrooge used to be in his younger days.



**Seniors** Kendra Swanson, Adam Beaves, Sam Kyker (above) all sit together and talk during the play.

**Senior** Sam Kyker (right) looks intently at the paper as he writes on a document.

Seniors Kendra Swanson and Adam Beaves (below) stand and yell at each other. Swanson and Beaves were married in the play.



**Juniors** Hillary Olson and Evan Hoyt (above) act out Annie being mad at Timmy. **Seniors** Kendra Swanson and Adam Beaves (left) act as Cratchett and his wife in the play. They are married and decide to take in poor Tiny Twist.



Senior Kendra Swanson gives a disusted look to her husband, her husband was played by Adam Beaves and juniors Hillary Olson and Evan Hoyt watch Kendra Swanson.

# TIME TO TALK



Sophomore  
Korissa Seeley

"If you're the one moving the set, you need to be quick and move."

"If you're backstage and an actor, don't talk. Others need to be aware of what's going on."

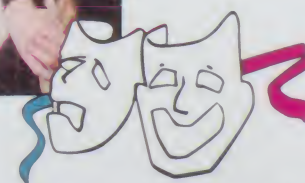


Junior  
Jordan Saltonstall



Freshman  
Aaron Homard

"You need to be able to stay quiet, obey the director, and know what your doing backstage."





# Go BIG or go HOME

## Students take different measures to make the formal a time to remember

Winter Formal is just another dance, getting dressed up and going. Students thought differently this year.

Students went all out, all the way from Hummers to party buses and had fun with a group of friends. No matter what students did, the dance was more than just a dance.

"Before the dance me and about 30 people went on a party bus," senior Sara Halverson said.

The seniors decided to make their final year a year to remember. Though it wasn't said what went on, the seniors had fun.

"I rented a Hummer for Winter Formal; it was the best part of the whole night," sophomore Madi Rothman said.

Another way the whole night was made more fun included renting limos. Students wanted to make the best out of the whole idea of Winter Formal.

"My least favorite part of the night was how lame the dance was; I liked the limo and getting ready," Rothman said.

Students making the dance more than just a dance worked it out. But to some, the dance ended up being really boring and bad.

"The dance didn't really last, we got there at like 9:30. It wasn't even that good anyway. I really enjoyed the whole party bus and the after parties were fun," Halverson said.

Even though for some the dance ended up being a downer others made the most of it and had other types of fun.

"I thought the dance was good. I really liked the music in the background while I was hanging out with friends," sophomore Brad Kimball said.

"Over all, though the dance wasn't that great, it was a memorable experience for my senior year," Halverson said.

"The dance was  
fun, I really  
enjoyed the  
atmosphere"

-Sophomore Brad  
Kimball



20) Morgan Heintz-Winter formal



Sophomore Elizabeth Thomas and Senior Anya Peter dance together. This is one of Peter's last high school events. Peter is involved in cheerleading.

## Doin' it BIG

"I liked dancing on the party bus, and listening to all the music. I ended up going with a group of people and I had a girl date, just for fun."

-senior  
Sara Halverson



"I rented a Hummer limo for Winter Formal; it was really fun and was the best part of the whole night."

-sophomore  
Madi Rothman

Sophomores Elizabeth McInroy, Alexandria Reif and Kelly Rierson (right) stand outside of the dance room. They have a good conversation before entering the dance room. Sophomores Jake Sullivan and David Bennet (left) dance at Winter Formal. The dance was at the Botanical center again this year.







Students get together, having a good time and dance. The dance floor was really crowded the whole night of the dance.



Sophomores Madi Rothman and Tyler Sample (far left) stand together and take a picture. They went together in the hummer limo.

Sophomores Tyler Peeler and Basil Vennard (middle top) laugh and have a good time. The couple decided to match for the formal.



Juniors Lacy Garth and Aimen Earnest (top left) stand and talk together while Garth is on her phone.

Seniors on the party bus sit and chat for awhile before the real party begins. Sophomore Allison O'Braza was the only underclassman on the bus.



# STUDENT of ALL Seasons

## Award honors students who don't normally get recognized

The Student of All Seasons assembly highlights the accomplishments of seniors that don't normally get to stand in the spotlight. Thirty-two students were nominated, but only seniors Sam Kyker, Dana Hall, Kendra Swanson, Stephen Crane and Robert Patton were given the official title of Student of All Seasons.

Among the nominees were seniors Rachael Stern for publications, Alex Deeter for vocal music and Kylie Burr for social science. Leadership, hard work and dedication were required for these three students to become nominees.

Stern, co-editor in chief of the **Challenger**, was troubled throughout her freshman and sophomore years. If it wasn't for publications adviser Timm Pilcher, Stern said that she probably would've dropped out of school.

"I've always been a hard worker and I've always believed in school," Stern said, "but Pilcher gave me a focus and made me figure out what I wanted to do with my life."

Being co-editor in chief of the newspaper is one of Stern's major accomplishments. Over the years she has dedicated long hours and hard work to the **Challenger** and she was glad to finally receive recognition.

"It was cool just to get recognized through Student of all Seasons," Stern said.

Deeter took at least one vocal music class each year and is taking a total of four vocal music classes his senior year.

"It's not exactly easy to be in a music class," Deeter said. "It takes a lot of time and a lot of effort, but it's also a lot of fun."

Deeter has thought about becoming a music teacher, but he isn't completely set on a career choice yet. What he is set on, though, is the image of what a Student of all Seasons should be.



Seniors Dana Hall, Samuel Kyker, Stephen Crane, Robert Patton and Kendra Swanson stand before the entire school after receiving their awards for being a Student of All Seasons. Thirty-two students were nominated, but only the five above are the official students of all seasons. The Feb. 1 assembly ended with the seniors winning the spirit stick.

"The Student of all Seasons is someone who leads people whether they get the recognition or not," Deeter said. "They're someone who serves the school and other people well."

Burr has taken every social science class offered and has done well academically in the area. She has plans to attend Grandview College and minor in psychology.

"I think the [Student of all Seasons] award is really good," Burr said. "It gives students who don't normally get recognized for all their good work a chance to get recognized."

The Student of all Seasons award is not a popularity contest. It sheds light on the lives and hard work of students whose accomplishments have often times been left in the dark.

"The students that are nominated are not the kids that are going to [necessarily] be prom king or queen, but they do work hard and they deserve the recognition for that," Stern said.



Seniors Chase Anderson, Bridgette Andrews, Ellie Riorden, Adam Borland, Kylie Burr, Stephen Crane, Alex Deeter, Evan Eastman, Tahaun Fountain, Aaron Glynn, Dana Hall, Nikki Kemp, Mike Kuhn, Leslie Millard, Stephanie Mulstay, Laurah Mwirichia and the rest of the nominees for student of all seasons. The students are being rewarded for their hardwork, dedication and leadership over the years.





The senior class cheers at the Student of All Seasons assembly held Feb. 1 in the large gym. The assembly honored thirty-two students. "The Student of All Seasons award is really good," senior Kylie Burr said.

## And the nominees are ...

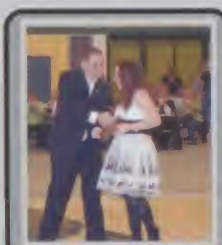
Math- Jesse Benson	Cheerleading- Leslie Millard
Social Science- Kylie Burr	Drama- Kendra Swanson
FACS- Jamie Spina	Vocal Music- Alex Deeter
Buisness- Tahaun Fountain	Silver Cord- Stephanie Mulstay
IT- Chase Anderson	Orchestra- Aaron Glynn
Fine Arts- Sam Kyker	Band- Dan Oswald
Applied Arts- Aaron Gottl	Debate/Speech- Grant Harvey
English- Evan Eastman	Athletics- Robert Patton
ESL- Alija Vrabac	Mike Kuhn
French- Jenny Nguyen	Dana Hall
Spanish- Hillary Pierson	Ashley Signs
Science- Adam Borland	Best Buddies- Nikki Kemp
P.E.- Stephen Crane	Ellie Riordan
STUCO- Madison Sconiers	SPIRIT- Nhu Lee
NHS- Katie Taylor	Laurah Mwirichia
Publications- Rachael Stern	Bridgette Andrews

**YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHAT THESE SENIORS HAVE DONE, BUT REALLY, YOU HAVE NO IDEA!**

Kendra Swanson.Sam Kyker.Stephen Crane

## Student of All Seasons Winners

Robert Patton.Dana Hall



**Name:** Kendra Swanson

**Awards:** Kendra received the dancing queen award at the '07 Dusty awards. She also won a Profile In Courage for the American Cancer Society.

**Future:** She plans on being a designer and traveling the world.



**Name:** Sam Kyker

**Awards:** Sam is a member of NCYL, was on honor roll throughout middle school and is Senior Board President.

**Future:** He plans to attend Truman State University.



**Name:** Stephen Crane

**Awards:** Stephen received the Dusty award for Best Newcomer in '07.

**Future:** He plans to go to DMACC and then attend a university afterwards.



**Name:** Robert Patton

**Awards:** Robert received a basketball award for Second Team All-Conference.

**Future:** He plans to attend college and major in engineering.



**Name:** Dana Hall

**Awards:** Dana has received Second Team All-Conference and Honorable mention awards in soccer.

**Future:** She has plans to attend the University of Northern Iowa

## Feb.1 Assembly

Student of All Seasons- Edward Rodriguez (23



# Not enough credit for Student Council

Who do you think plans school events? People that don't get enough credit: Student Council (STLCO).

"We don't get credit from teachers, but students take it for granted," advisor of Student Council, Kirk Stevens said.

Students don't realize it's hard work being on the STLCO committee; all the work that needs to be done and the huge amount of stress before school dances.

"I give Student Council credit for what they do because they plan out everything," senior Isha

Amara said.

"I would like to join Student Council just to help out the school," Amara said.

Trying to keep things the same is somewhat difficult, but Stevens manages. Student council has only ten students and out of them, five have main roles while others just do what they do to help.

"I think Stevens is a good teacher; he's also really funny and makes me laugh," sophomore Jake Sullivan said.



Senior Student Body President Madison Sconiers gets chairs ready in the game room at Entertainment Tonight. Junior Abby Vanderbeek (right) bends down to pick up trash from in front of the school.



Senior Madison Sconiers (above) writes down notes as the class speaks out loud giving ideas.

Junior Jake Marshall (left) sit and listens to a kindergartner read to him at Woodland Elementary.

Doing something that they love!



Secretary Nhu Le, senior, (left) interacts with a kindergartner student from Woodland Elementary.



Second-year advisor Kirk Stevens keeps track at Entertainment Tonight. Stevens also teaches government and phycology





Seniors Madison Sconiers and Jennifer Peppers put letters on the board out front of the school while advisor Kirk Stevens holds it up for them. Sconiers is student body president and Peppers is senior class president.



Front row: Madison Sconiers, Stephanie Mulstay, Jennifer Peppers; back row: Kirk Stevens, Jake Marshall, Brooke Torres, Samantha Ricke, Abby Van Der Beek, Nhu Le and Shaqueta Fox. Not Pictured: Jake Sullivan

**Freshman** Brooke Torres (right) helps pick up trash by the student parking lot. Torres is also involved in swimming



## LET US KNOW!

What do you think about student council?



**Senior Isha Amara**

"I respect Student Council for what they do, I wish I were on the committee."

**Sophomore Jake Sullivan**  
"I like Student Council because it gives me something to do. I also like it because Mr. Stevens is really funny."



**Senior Shaqueta Fox**

"I love being on Student Council because it's fun and it's hard work doing stuff for the school."





# In it to win it

The time, the practice, the dedication, the strength it takes to be an athlete; can you be the one your coach counts on to make the winning shot, are you ready to hear that buzzer after you made it or not? Are you ready to see fans after a big loss? Doing the V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cheer, hearing your opponent hit the mat, with the excitement of all that. People are counting on you to be the best; can you be the one they count on? Can you be the STAR of the team? **YOU THINK YOU KNOW BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.**



Sophomore Katie King, junior Evelina Beganovic and senior Laurah Mwrichia cheer at a home basketball game. King has been a cheerleader for two years, Beganovic for three and Mwrichia for four.



Sophomore Kayleigh Wren and Elizabeth McInroy (above) run around the school at cross country practice. Sophomore Liza Britain (right) blocks out a Marshalltown player after a freethrow. Senior Mitch Stites (far right) bowls at bowling practice, which is held at Plaza Lane.

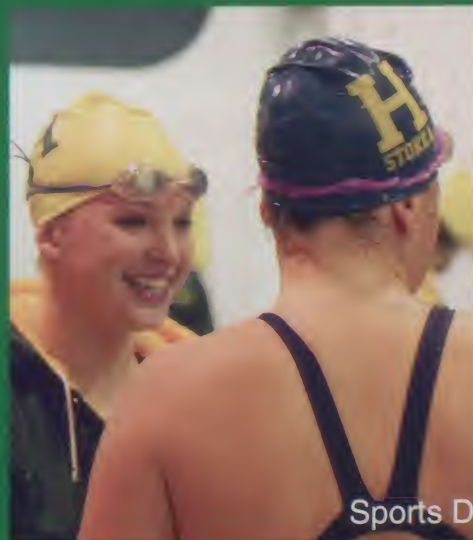


**Seniors** Amanda Fordyce and Leslie Millard and junior Evelina Beganovic (below) cheer at a basketball game at home. **Senior** Charles Burrell goes for a lay-up in a game against Marshalltown; the Huskies lost that game, which was their first loss. **Junior** Nykor Duop gets a fast break against Johnston. **Senior** Mike Kuhn throws the football to a teammate at a game against Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson. This was the their first win of the season. **Junior** Ben Lockin practices driving at the driving range. Lockin has been playing golf for four years.





Clockwise: The football team huddles up before a game at home. They had two wins this season. **Sophomore** Jessica Rouse and junior Katie Zenz hold hands and wait for Lincoln to serve. The basketball team (below) listen as head Coach Charles Zanders gets them ready for the second half. **Senior** Leslie Millard, junior Evelina Beganovic, and seniors Anya Peter and Amanda Fordyce (far right) do a cheer. "I don't know what you've been told." **Sophomore** James Kent runs hard to keep ahead of his opponent at Sleepy Hollow. **Sophomore** Victoria Jones (below) serves a ball to Lincoln.



**Seniors** Hannah Allen and Jamie Spina (above left) run at cross country practice, both have been running cross country for four years. **Senior** Ashley Signs (far left) swims at practice. Signs was a state qualifier. **Sophomore** Alayna Bailey and Signs (left) talk at a swim meet at home. Bailey has been swimming for one year and is also involved in basketball. Signs has been swimming all four years and is also involved in softball.



# First win since '04!

How it feels  
to be a  
winner!

HOME 26 00:00 GUEST 20



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The ending sound (top) of the first game the season. First win since 2004!  
Coach Mitch Elbert (second from left) throws up his arm after the big win.  
Varsity players raise their helmets after the win.  
The student section (middle) runs onto the field after the win. "Everyone was very into this game. It was good to win now," senior Frankie Kaiser said.  
Final score (bottom) of the last game of the season against Roosevelt. Varsity came in with a bang and left the same way.

Seniors have waited for four years for their first win; the first game of the season, that wait was over. Varsity took on Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson (CBTJ) and won 26-20. For some the win was a surprise and for others it was expected.

"I knew we were (going to win), everyone knew before the game started," senior Stephon James said. James wasn't the only confident one.

"I expected us to win at least three football games and be competitive in every contest," head varsity coach Mitch Elbert said.

"I really liked the talent coming back for this season," Elbert said. The win was an ecstatic moment for many of the players.

Senior Troy Stewart was convinced that varsity was going to win because the "roster is stacked with studs." Freshman Ben Markey thought it was because "we had a good team last year."

Either way the boys pulled together and won! One could only imagine what was going through

everyone's mind. Elbert seemed to be flying from one thing to another.

"Don't get a delay of game penalty; please don't fumble the ball. Get that end sealed so Stephon (James) can get outside. We got them right where we want them. Let's finish this," Elbert said.

Varsity started the season off strong and has let a few losses slip in. There are awesome moments and not so awesome moments.

"Most people would say losing (is their least favorite part) but letting a fellow team mate down is worse than losing," James said.

On a lighter note, "RUNNING!!!" Stewart said, is his "least favorite part."

"It wears you out," Markey added.

Football is full of defining moments, good and bad. For those bad times the crowd is there to help and it helps more than people realize.

"The crowd means everything to a football game, it makes us more pumped," James said.



(Clockwise: Senior Troy Stewart doges a Roosevelt player to make a play. Senior captains Troy Stewart, Mike Kuhn and Devlin Hogans hold hands as they make their way to do the coin toss. The defense lines up against CBTJ. Varsity players line up and shake hands with CBTJ after their win.

Varsity players (above) pose for a picture after they beat Roosevelt in double overtime. Varsity hasn't beat Roosevelt since 1990. This was a HUGE victory.





Senior Stephon James (above) cries as he hugs his little brother Skyler James after the win against CBTJ. Junior Lam Chol (below) tries to catch a pass to get a touch down but Roosevelt players made that hard for Chol.



## -Varsity Scoreboard-

	Us	Them
<b>CBTJ</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>
Johnston	0	43
East	0	20
Ottumwa	6	26
Lincoln	7	26
Newton	14	54
Sioux City	0	35
North	7	19
<b>Roosevelt</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>



**Row 1:** Hether Valderram, Mallorie Wood, Ashley Neal, Allison O'Braza, Karen Guirola, Samantha Johnson. **Row 2:** AJ Hawxby, Mohammed, Montez Johnson, Coach Brett Comegys, Coach Pat Lowe, Coach Dane Sulentis, Tyrell Heard, Drew Jones, Jordan Hoskins. **Row 3:** Michael Harper, Dustin Dop, Nathan Brown, Josh Strait, Lawrence Abston, Khasif White, Josh Valverde, David Mwirichia, Lester Mwirichia, Darnell Ross. **Row 4:** Adem Buza, Joshua Curry, Daniel Fandeh, Zach Klever, Ben Markey, Tyler Hawxby, Max Wissler, Justin Shaffer, Rodney Silliman, Nefi Torres, Ivan Amaya. **Row 5:** Chris Bemisdarfer, Theo Evans, Bralen Berry, Julius Robinson, Chase Herron, Michael Weaver, Brandon Sighns Javon Williams, DeShawn Willis, Austin Damm, Raymond Remen



Three Husky defenders (left), seniors Troy Stewart, Robert Patton and Jacob Jacobi take down a Roosevelt player in crunch time during overtime; the Huskies won. Senior Stephon James (above) runs the ball while senior Jacob Jacobi blocks for him. Both James and Jacobi also play soccer; James also runs track. Junior Lam Chol tries to catch the ball while Rider defenders make it hard for him. Chol also runs track.



**Front row:** Heather Valderram, Mallorie Wood, Ashley Neal, Allison O' Braza, Karen Guirola, Samantha Johnson  
**Row 2:** Colt Benedixen, Austin Boyd, John Thomsen, Brad Kimball, coach Williams, coach Coleman, coach Novotny, Michael Hart, Kershon Wilson, Chris Chestnut,  
**Row 3:** James Stafford, Will Carr, Ledonte Bradley Niki McClain, Quin Gooch, Juan Patino, Doug Meiners, Kyle Kirshbaum, Will Brazzle  
**Back row:** Tedaloke??, Jhovany Jimenez, Andrew Lamb, John Neal, Nate Clark, Shane Kittrell, Josh Johnson, Derek Earnest, Dana Delefeild,



**Front row:** Mariah Goodson, Kylie Van Houton, Katie King, Amanda Fordyce, Leslie Millard, Laura Mwirichia, Brittany Berry.  
**Second row:** Brett Comegys, Byron Williams, Mike Vukovich, Mitch Elbert, Tim Weida, Patrick Lowe and Dane Sulentis.  
**Third row:** Devlin Hogans, Kyle Pederson, DeSean Barber, Chris Neal, Casey Clark, Ayad Yousif, Josh Engelketon, Ryan Case, LaRon Wilson, Caleb Emerson, Joe Markey Leroy Kelly  
**Fourth row:** Cody Smith, Lam Chol, Stephon James, Steven Streaker, Troy Mure, Aaron Henry, Mike Bell, Troy Stewart, JD Williams, Tahaun Fountain, Ike Harris,  
**Last row:** Andy Allen, Peter Schoneberg, Robert Patton, Ryan Anderson, Joe Peppers, Jose De La Criz, Jacob Jacobi, Mike Kuhn, Moroni Torres, Aaron Gin, James Head, Mujo Ramic.



# Fuel for the feet

Nutrition impacts a runner's daily life.

Cross country is a sport that involves discipline, stamina and nutrition. This third aspect is very important in not only cross country but all sports.

For example, before a meet, cross country runners are advised against eating or drinking milk or other dairy products, because it is harder for your body to digest and it may come back up if you put your body under too much strain.

"We have to eat right, and we shouldn't drink milk on race days," said freshman Andrea Bailey, a first-year runner.

"Running cross country also changes the eating and drinking habits of some runners," said sophomore Elizabeth McInroy.

A recommended diet for a cross country runner includes protein and carbohydrates and less sugary foods.

"We should drink Gatorade, eat bananas for potassium, and no milk on race days," Bailey said.

"A lot of protein and carbs, pasta, bread, protein shakes, breakfast and no pop or alcohol," McInroy said.



Freshmen Andrea Bailey and Elizabeth Elliot run together to practice for their meets.



**Sophomores** Kayleigh Wren, Elizabeth McInroy and freshman Andrea Bailey (above) warm up before their meet at Sleepy Hollow. **Wren** and Bailey (below) lie down and stretch at practice after school.



**Front row:** Ellie Johnson, Andreanna Schooley, Andrea Bailey, Renee Reichenbacker, Sophie Morris, Gabby Engelken, Amber Gaumer

**Second row:** Admira Adpovic, Anna Strait, Katy Stites, Jamie Spina, Elizabeth McInroy, Elizabeth Elliot

**Back row:** Kayleigh Wren, Hannah Allen, John Howett, Brad Grier, Scott Schoneberg, Kelly Rierson, Katie Hawks

**Not pictured:** Christine Attey, Hillary Pierson, and Kristian Wood.

## How To Score

> A team's score is the sum of the first five places for the team's runners.

> In a dual meet, if one team captures the first three places in a race, it is mathematically impossible to lose.

> In accordance with Federation rules, a tie in team scoring will be broken by awarding the win to the team with the faster sixth finisher.





# All it takes is all you've got

Cross country is literally what it means: runners run anywhere from 2-6 miles at practice, and meets consist of long bumpy trails.

"When I hadn't run in two weeks I felt like dying after the first mile," senior Moroni Torres said.

That's where the coaches come into place. This is Scott Schoenberg's first year as head coach and he seems to have impacted the runners a great deal.

"Even if you do badly, they don't care about your results; they care about how you got there," Torres said.

"You have to keep focus, look in front of you, breath normally and keep form," sophomore Haris Kovacevic said.

This is what Coach Schoneberg tells runners to help them get through the race.

"The coaches helped a great deal and is as mental as it is physical. The coaches are some of the best I've ever had; he never makes you do something, he's motivating," Torres said.

"You have to work hard, have enough endurance to survive, be patient and be willing," Kovacevic said.

"It helps your mind and makes you a stronger person," freshman Kaleb Thomas said. Thomas has been running for four years.

Making a better time than last time is one of the main goals in cross country.

"Before you run you're worried if you're going to do good or bad," Thomas said.

It also teaches self discipline.

"It teaches you discipline, makes you do what your suppose to do to get better," Torres said.



Senior Andy Allen (left) picks up freshman Josh Strait after their race. Allen and Strait also participate in football.

Sophomore Johnathan Preston (below) races towards the finish line. The meet was at Sleepy Hollow.



**Front row:** Taylor Edwards, John Kline, Patrick Murphy, Josh Strait, Kaleb Thomas, Billy Rotza, Sam Burt, Ian Pierson, Dan Waller, Charles Zanders, **Second row:** Keenan McCollum, Sam Duncan, Cody Sargent, Fadi Angalo, Haris Kovachovich, John Preston, Doug Gaule, Mike Bell, Matthew Schiltz, Daniel Kleinfelter, Jacob Larsen, Mike Quernemoen, **Last row:** Coach John Howett, Moroni Torres, Henry Mason, Ryan Fleming, Nathan Joy, Andy Allen, Peter Schoneberg, Adam Bourland, James Kent, Coach Scott Schoneberg, Coach Brad Grier.



**Sophomore** Haris Kovacevic helps junior Patrick Murphy (left) walk as he finishes the race at Sleepy Hollow. Murphy was hurt at that meet. **Senior** Peter Schoneberg (above) keeps ahead of Ames at the meet at Sleepy Hollow. Schoneberg is also involved in football and track.



# First win feels good

The first win was great for the freshman and junior varsity players Sept. 18 as they played against the Roosevelt Roughriders.

With a score of 24-20 for the freshman and 27-18 for JV, they were proud.

The players struggled throughout the game, but in the end they came out with victory.

"I'm just happy we won our first game", freshman Jocelyn Merino said.

The games were really close and the

girls played very well. They're just waiting for another good win.

Even though the freshman and JV teams were lucky that night, the varsity team didn't come out on top.

"I'm a former Hoover volleyball player, and I go to every game to support the team, but one thing I've never saw was the varsity girls look so nervous," alumnus Kathy Freeman said.



**Coach** Jessica Montag (top) stands at the sidelines. Montag is also a teacher at Hiatt.

**Junior** Katie Zenz and Jessica Rude (middle) hold hands before the serve from Lincoln. This is **Zenz** first year playing. Athletic trainer Troy Kleese (bottom) talks to the varsity girls.



## Freshmen

**Front row:** Heather Vogel, Jocelyn Merino, Emily Young, Leah Cramblit, Mallory Sims, **Last Row:** Amber Trimble, Denise Cowherd, Coach Jessica Montag, Kelsey Jespersen, Lia Meza

## Junior Varsity

**Front row:** Romney Tree, Basil Vennard, Elizabeth Thomas, Kerri O'Tool, **Second row:** Melissa Brinkman, Annie Bach, Samra Hamzic, Marisol Meza, Ashley Lawrence, Katie Zenz, Yolanda Reyes, **Last row:** Elizabeth Bourland, Alexis Andrews, Morgan Heintz, Alexandria Reif, Latasha Porte



## Varsity

**Front row:** Amanda Hicks; **Second row:** Jessica Rude, Elizabeth Thomas, Samra Haemic, Marisol Meza, Katie Zenz, Kerri O'Tool; **Last row:** Jessica Montag, Krista Nelson, Anna Moody, Coach Jon Rubino, Apajok Wal, Abby Van Der Beek





Junior Abby Van Der Beek (left) practices hitting the ball after school. Van Der Beek has been playing for five years and is student body vice president.



Sophomore Kerri O'Tool and junior Katie Zenz (right) hug in the student center before their team photo. Zenz and O' Tool are also involved in soccer.



Freshman Leah Cramblit serves the ball to her opponents. Cramblit is also involved with Best Buddies.



Sophomore Jessica Rude, junior Anna Moody and sophomore Victoria Jones listen to coach Jon Rubino while he gives words of encouragement.



**Freshman** coach Jessica Montag (above) gives her team the play during the thirty second time out.

**Junior** Anna Moody and freshman Hannah Bixby (right) prepare for a spike from a Lincoln player. Varsity won their first game against Roosevelt.



## Can you keep score?

### Freshmen

Ankeny	Loss
Dowling	Loss
Mason City	Loss
Roosevelt	Loss
Lincoln	Loss
North	Loss
Ottumwa	Loss
East	Loss
Ottumwa	Loss

### Varsity

Ankeny	Loss
Dowling	Loss
<b>North</b>	WIN
Mason City	Loss
Roosevelt	Loss
S.E. Polk	Loss
<b>Lincoln</b>	WIN
East	Loss
Ottumwa	Loss

### Junior Varsity

	<b>US</b>
Ankeny	Loss
Dowling	Loss
Mason City	Loss
Roosevelt	Loss
Lincoln	Loss
<b>North</b>	WIN
East	Loss
Ottumwa	Loss







Junior Kylie Good stretches out before a meet against East at Hoover. The Huskies won the conference meet. Good is also the boys swim team manager; she helps them do times.



"I think that it is better for the girls swim team to be called the Marlins because a lot of things are called the Huskies, and the middle school is now, too."

- Freshman-  
Brooke Torres

"I like it because Marlins are fish and we are swimming."

-Sophomore-  
Bobbi Jo Pentico



"Every year I feel like giving up, but it's more towards the end of the season when I just want a break."  
-Junior Becca Leffler-



Sophomore Alayna Bailey (above) does physical therapy by using the stability ball during practice. Bailey also plays basketball, and is in the RAVE.

Junior Becca Leffler swims hard at the meet against East. "Becca never gives up, there are times when we're tired and it's hard but I'm always there for her no matter what," junior Kylie Good said.

**Front Row:** Brooke Torres, Rachel Hewitt; **Second Row:** Ashley Foreman, Jennifer Whaley, Carolyn Thorn, Alayna Bailey, Madaline Rothman, Bobbi Jo Pentico, Emily Dungan; **Third Row:** Thomas Henry, Tim Leffler, Chloe Gamble, Jordan Taha, Kylie Good, Becca Leffler, Amber Anderson, Nick Hestchbeck; **Back Row:** Anita Leveke, Leslie Miller, Bridget Andrew's, Eden Stokka, Nicole Matlock Tolsen, Jennifer Stites, Ashley Signs, Kaitlyn Rooney, Eric Thorson.





Junior Becca Leffler went from watching her brother at his first swim practice for the Otters to being ranked number one in state as of September, 2007.

"I am feeling pretty good, trying not to get sick," Leffler said.

Leffler's best times are 28.83 in the 50 freestyle, 54.47 in the 100 freestyle, and 59.94 in the 100 fly.

"I am very proud of Becca, she has worked very hard and made good success," her father Tracy Leffler said. Leffler has gone to state her freshman and sophomore year so far.

"Every year I feel like giving up, but it's more towards the end of the season when I just want a break. I haven't got to the point where I want to quit for good though," she said.

"Leffler is very focused and determined. She sets goals and makes plans to reach them," coach Anita Leveke said.

Leveke has known Leffler since she was 11 or 12 years old; she coached her on the Otters as well.

Swimming is a year-round commitment and it takes a lot of determination. Junior Kylie Good is one of Leffler's good friends and they are almost inseparable.

"Leffler never gives up, there are times when we're tired and it's hard but I'm always there for her no matter what," Good said.

"You don't get to this level of success without a lot of hard work and Becca definitely has put in a lot of hard work and determination, I am very proud of her," Leveke said.



Junior Becca Leffler swims the back stroke at Hoover. Leffler was a state qualifier again.

## WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING... WANTING TO WIN IS



Junior Becca Leffler (above) dives into the pool against East, Leffler has been swimming varsity all three years and has made it to state all of those years. She has been ranked as one of the top swimmers in the state of Iowa.



1: Senior Ashley Signs puts her name on the board for breaking a school record for state in the 200 free relay. They won by 2.5 seconds; 2: Swimmers lay out the letters for the state qualifiers to put up; 3: Head coach Anita Leveke stands with Junior Becca Leffler, Senior Ashley Signs, sophomore Amber Anderson, Sophomore Emily Dungan, and assistant coach Eric Thorsen. Those swimmers made it to state for a swim medley, freestyle.



Girls Swimming-Ashley Lawrence (35



# "Everyone should come out and support us." Senior Leslie Millard

Last year the cheerleaders placed eighth in the state competition, but tonight, at this year's state competition, they're hoping to place in the top four.

The new cheerleading competition squad is competing against smaller schools in comparison to last year when they competed against some of the largest schools in the district.

Senior Laura Mwirichia has participated in cheerleading for the last four years and knows exactly what to expect at the state competition.

"We'll be performing a two and a half minute routine and well be judged on dancing, stunting, cheering and how good the routine looks," Mwirichia said.

Their routine was constructed from scratch. They took suggestions and finally came up with their own routine.

"I think our routine is pretty good, but we have to clean it up a little," Mwirichia said.

According to Mwirichia, it takes a lot to make a successful team.

"You need teamwork, communication and time for bonding," Mwirichia said.

For some of the girls on the squad, cheerleading has become more than just an after school activity.

"Cheerleading is not a raw, raw, raw sport anymore," Mwirichia said. It's a lot more serious. Even though the cheerleaders have become more serious than last year, they're still having fun. Fourth year cheerleader Leslie Millard could vouch for that.

"Stunting is the most fun because my bases have my life in their hands," Millard said. "It's crazy trusting someone that much."

The competition squad will be practicing every day of the week leading up to the competition.

"There's an insane amount of preparation," Millard said, "But I feel better than last year because we entered in a different competition." Millard also believes that teamwork is essential to creating a successful team of cheerleaders a team that will place in state.

"You have to work together and not let each others personal flaws get in the way," Millard said. Our common goal is to place in state.

For years the cheerleaders have attended every basketball or football game, supporting the teams. Now, in their time of need, the cheerleaders are hoping that students will get out and cheer them on.

"Everyone should come out and support us," Millard said.



Junior Evelina Beganovic, sophomore Katie King, seniors Leslie Millard and Laurah Mwirichia, sophomore Mariah Goodson and senior Anya Peter (above) cheer at a home game, cheering "Superstar". Seniors Amanda Fordyce and Leslie Millard dance in the gym. Both girls have been cheering for four years.



Senior Amanda Fordyce and Junior Evelina Beganovic (above) do push ups at a football game. The cheerleaders do push ups every time the football team scores.



Sophomore Katie King, seniors Leslie Millard and Amanda Fordyce and junior Evelina Beganovic cheer at a home game against Fort Dodge, cheering, "Hey dogs, we got that flow." Sophomore Katie King, senior Amanda Fordyce, junior Evelina Beganovic and sophomore Mariah Goodson do a toe touch at a home game



Seniors Laurah Mwirichia, Leslie Millard, Amanda Fordyce and Anya Peter do a routine during the winter sports assembly



36) Cheerleading-Dana Hall and Morgan Heintz

## "Cheerleading is not a raw, raw, raw sport anymore. It's a lot more serious."

- Senior Laurah Mwirichia





Front Row: Katie King, Kylie Van Houten, Evelina Beganovic and Mariah Goodson Second Row : Anya Peter and Laurah Mwirichia, Back Row: Brittany Berry, Leslie Millard and Amanda Fordyce

Front row: Mallory Siles, Allison O'Braza (Row 2 Heather Valderrama Ashley Neal, Haley Snicker and Karen Gorilla Back Row: Malorie Wood, Samantha Johnson and Samantila Zepeda



Senior Leslie Millard does a basket toss while junior Evelina Beganovic is back basing and sophomore Katie King does a no-handed cartwheel.



Senior Amanda Fordyce, junior Evelina Beganovic, seniors Leslie Millard, Anya Peter and sophomore Kylie Van Houten do a cheer during the football games against North. "I don't know what you've been told," they cheered.



Junior Evelina Beganovic, senior Leslie Millard, sophomore Katie King, senior Laurah Mwirichia, sophomore Mariah Goodson and senior Anya Peter (above) do the cheer defensive roll.



Sophomore Kyle Van Houten and junior Evelina Beganovic (left) do back hand springs at the football game, while the other cheerleaders watch with amasemenet. This is Van Houten's second year cheering and Beganovic's third year.



Senior Leslie Millard (above) cradles in and prepares to be caught after her teammates throw her up Varsity cheerleaders (left) hold up senior Leslie Millard. This stunt helps get the crowd pumped up.







# A Hole in One

Golf is a game that takes patience, skill, and a little bit of luck

On Friday Sept. 7, sophomore Charlie McInroy, 16, shot what only few people could dream of -- a hole in one.

"It really felt good. I accomplished one of the few things I wanted to do in my life," McInroy said. "I did not know it was a hole in one until the ball went into the hole."

McInroy is on the bowling team and also plans on joining the boys tennis team. There are 10 golfers on the team. Four are junior varsity and six are varsity golfers. This is one of the biggest teams ever.

Another up and comer on the golf team is junior Ben Lockin, 17. Lockin also participates in swimming and tennis. Lockin has golfed for 11 years.

"My grandpa and my dad sparked my interest in golf," Lockin said. "My dad taught me to play and my grandpa lives in a small town so it was cheaper to get on a course there."

"Ben can become pro. He has a lot of potential," McInroy said.

"I'd like to play in college, but I'd have to shoot lower scores," Lockin said. "Anyone can turn pro, it could happen."

Golf doesn't just affect you physically. It affects you mentally as well. If you don't sink your short putts, then how do you expect to sink a putt across the whole green.

"When I started playing I thought it wasn't

completely athletic. I thought it was more laid back and took more skill than strength," sophomore Jason Reichenbacher, 15 said. Reichenbacher plays junior varsity and has been playing for two years.

"My dad taught me to play, and I thought it was fun," Reichenbacher said.

It seems that the boys golf team has outstanding chemistry.

"We all share a love for the game," McInroy said.

"Everyone helps each other out,"

Reichenbacher said

"Our strengths are getting along and driving," Lockin said. "We always seem to have fun."

Not everything is the fairway at Pebble Beach.

"We need to stay positive after a bad hole,"

Lockin said. "We need to work on our short game."

"We need to make good contact and sink our short putts," Reichenbacher said.

"I need to work on wedge shots and my short game," Lockin said.

"Personally I need to work on everything, such as more distance and better face contact," Reichenbacher said.

Golfers are also affected in school.

"After meets I get tired and don't want to do my homework," Lockin admits.

"Some days you skip school and fall behind," McInroy said.



Sophomores Jacob Brown, Jared Smith and Freshmen Charlie McInroy watch as teammate junior Ben Lockin attempts a putt.



Front Row: Jared Smith; Second Row: Nick Hestchbeck, Jacob Brown, Gabriel Long, Jason Reichenbacher; Back Row: Charlie McInroy, Ben Lockin, Chase Anderson, Josh Woodyard, Coach Steve Lundholm

## Five must know words for golf

1. Birdie: score on an individual hole that is one stroke below par.
2. Par: Standard number of strokes it should take a person to complete a hole.
3. Bogey: Score of one stroke over par for a hole
4. Rough: Longer grass adjacent to the fairways, greens and perhaps tees
5. Fairway: the closely mown area between the tee and green



Junior, Ben Lockin practices his drive, and has for 11 years. "I like driving, it's fun to hit the ball far," Lockin said.



Senior Chase Anderson practices driving. Anderson also swims and plays baseball.



Senior Gabe Long putts. Long is also involved with baseball.



Senior Josh Woodward examines the green before attempting a putt.



# Wrestlers watch their weight

Wrestling is a physical and mental sport. Wrestlers often have to lift weights and change their eating habits so they can cut weight.

The wrestlers practice every day after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at North High School. The meets are held Thursdays and Saturdays, and sometimes Tuesdays.

Junior Mark Russell has wrestled for three years.

"My brother-in-law inspired me to wrestle. He thought it would be a good thing to do," Russell said.

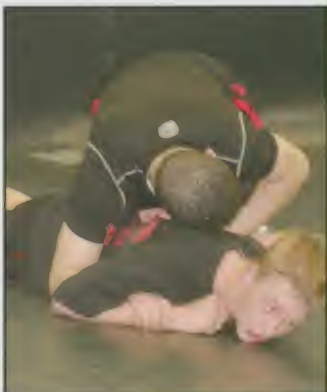
Russell's goal weight is 135 pounds. To reach his goal he has created good eating habits.

He eats a lot of spaghetti and chicken, and runs and lifts weights.

Russell plays other sports when he is not wrestling to keep in shape.

"My teammates help out a lot because they help push me to practice and work harder," Russell said.

"It takes a lot of power to wrestle because you get tired and need a lot of energy to keep you going," Russell said.



**Senior Markus Ford-Sereck (far left)** and freshmen **Tim Routh** practice their moves during practice. Hoover is combined with North's wrestling team and practice is held there everyday at 3:30 until state. **Senior Markus Ford-Sereck (left)** pins freshmen **Tim Routh** at practice. Hoover did not make it to state, but three of their North teammates did. Hoover and North combine because not enough players go out for the team. There was a total of four players from Hoover on the team.

Freshman **Tim Routh** jumps over sophomore **Andrew Lamb** during practice. This is one of their first warm up activities.



Sophomore **Andrew Lamb** gets ready to take down his opponent at a meet. This meet was held at North.



Sophomore **Andrew Lamb** and freshmen **Tim Routh** pound the floor as they wrap up practice. They make a beat with their hands and make an assembly line of running over one another.



## Hoover-North

Front row: Charles Drake, Alberto Magadan, Gretchyn Mathews, Nick Lenhart, Doug Megrote  
Row 2: Dave Raleigh, Jordan Jones, Damolnic Vega, Garrette Castellino, Nicke Vasey, Mike Jones, Coach Lampe  
Back row: Coach Hildreth, Jacob Jenkins, Tim Routh, Mike Burrage, Andrew Lamb, Aaron Ganiar, Ben McKee, Scott Sheridan, Daniel Salber, Matt Woods, Coach Olland.



# What does it take To get to State?

With practices at 5:30 a.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday, it's hard work being on the swim team. Being on the swim team isn't just swimming, the boys are also in the weight room, building up their body strength.

"I wake up every morning at 5 a.m. tired, but knowing it's for a good reason," Evan Wilson said.

With head coach Tim Brown, it's easy taking swimmers to state. For example, last year five students went to state. Hoover was ranked one out of sixteen schools.

"Since Hoover has been open, I've sent at least one student to state," Brown said.

Senior Adam Bourland made it to state last year. He was an alternate that ranked one out of sixteen.

"Before a meet or state, I get really nervous and try to think of the outcomes," Bourland said.

At state the boys are on edge, waiting for their events to come but they soon forget about it because they are focused on cheering on their team mates.

There are several reasons the boys stay on the team. It very well may be the other swimmers, the coaches or the excitement of jumping in the water.

Wilson has his own reasons.

"I like being on the swim team because it helps me stay in shape for baseball season," Wilson said.

Senior Carlinda Hedrick (below) gives senior Chase Anderson a high five. Hedrick was giving him a hand clap after Anderson did well in one of his events.



Senior Adam Bourland (left) pulls himself out of the pool after a race. Bourland made it on to state for the 200 medley relay and 400 free relay.

Senior Gabe Long (far left) thinking about what to do when his event comes up.

Senior Gabe Long (above) swimming the 400 free relay.





**Hoover** and East varsity swimmers push off into to their lanes. This meet was held at Hoover. Seniors Chase Anderson, Adam Bourland, Joseph Ghormley and sophomores Thomas Henry and James Kent all made it to state.

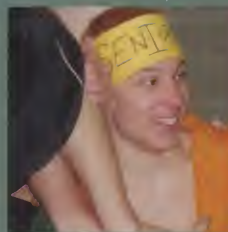
**Junior** Jacob Bernholtz (below right) answers a few questions after a swim meet. **Senior** Christopher Smith (below) stretches before his race.



## State Qualifiers

### SOPHOMORE THOMAS HENRY

200 yard medley relay;  
breast stroke



### SENIOR JOSEPH GHORMLEY

200 yard medley relay;  
freestyle

**SENIOR CHASE ANDERSON**  
200 yard medley relay-  
backstroke; 400 yard  
freestyle relay; 100 yard  
backstroke ; 100 yard  
butterfly



**SOPHOMORE JAMES KENT**  
400 yard freestyle relay



**SENIOR ADAM BOURLAND**  
400 yard freestyle relay



Front row: Christopher Smith, Joseph Ghormley, Eric Hickman, Nick Hestbech.

Back row: James Kent, Chase Anderson, Ben Lockin, Jacob Bernholtz.

NOT PICTURED: Gabe Long, Chris Faust, Adam Bourland, Thomas Henry, Dakota Bakkie, and Tim Leffler.



## Girls

### Basketball

Who is scoring the points?



#### Freshmen

Front row: Victoria Orrante, Hannah Bixby, and Denise Cowherd.

Second row: Jocelyn Merino, Emily Young, Sophie Morris, and Alyse Messa.

Back row: Head coach Jeff Fleming.



#### Junior varsity

Front row: Nykor Duop, Nyayang Toang, Alexis Andrews, Amber Anderson, and Charae Miller.

Back row: Jeff Flemming, LaCreachia Floyd, Jessica Rude, Kylie Van Houten, Alyssa McNeeley, and Jim Peterson



Players of the varsity team wait eagerly on the sidelines for the start of the game.

## LOSS OF STRONG PLAYERS

### GIRLS BASKETBALL WORKS HARD TO STAY STRONG AND IN SHAPE

It was a year full of shocking revelations, disappointments and losses for the girls basketball team. But it was also a year full of bonding, relationships and wins.

When three starters quit at the beginning of the season, players like senior Charisse Brown were left upset.

"I can't be too mad [because] that's what they wanted," Brown said. "I didn't want them out there if they didn't really want to play."

With the three players no longer in the game, a younger generation of girls was put into play.

"It made our younger girls have to step up because they haven't been on varsity and varsity is a whole different level than JV and freshmen," Brown said.

The team was forced to work harder than ever to prove to not only the school, but themselves, that they could become a force to be reckoned with.

"Everyone thought that without the three girls we were just going to lose by a lot every time," Brown said. "We're doing a lot better than people thought we were going to do."

Junior Erica Hussman didn't think that the loss of the three starters affected the team.

Hussman believes that the team is strong and will only get better as the seasons continue.

"We get stronger after every game and every

practice," Hussman said.

Practice lasts two hours a day, five days a week, giving the team plenty of time to bond.

"At practice we all work together," Hussman said.

With team dinners, meetings and summer camp outs, it's impossible for the girls to not be close to each other.

Students that participate in nearly any extracurricular activity often become like a family. The girls basketball team is no exception.

"We're all like sisters—one big family," Hussman said.

Brown completely agrees.

"We love each other," Brown said.

All the girls on the team play the game because it's what they love to do. Brown herself firmly believes that a good basketball player must have confidence...and heart.

"You have to go out there and play hard," Brown said. "Give it all you have all 32 minutes of the game even if you lose. Then if you lose, you lose with everything you have."

The girls basketball team is no stranger to disappointment and loss, but together, they've been able to overcome all those obstacles.

"We can overcome anything as long as we work together," Brown said.



Junior Erica Hussman tries to pass the ball to a teammate during the Urbandale game.



Sophomore Jordan Kracht tries to pass the ball to a teammate during a home game.





Junior Katie Zenz (far left) looks for another team mate to pass the ball to during a home game against Johnston. Zenz has been playing basketball all three years and is also involved in volleyball and soccer. Sophomore Elizabeth Rodriguez (near left) does a bounce pass, trying to get the ball past her opponent. Rodriguez has been playing basketball for two years and is also involved in soccer and softball. Sophomore Alexeandrea Reif (down below) guards a player from Fort Dodge. Reif has been playing basketball for two years. Junior Apajok Wal (below) shoots a free throw. Wal has been playing basketball all three years and is also involved in volleyball. Senior Charisse Brown (below) guards an East High School player. Brown has been playing basketball for three years. Brown also runs track. Sophomore Liza Brittain (below) guards an East High School player. Brittain has played basketball for two years and is also involved in softball.

## Varsity scoreboard

Opponent	Us-Them
Dowling	12 84
Mason City	29 43
Marshalltown	30 42
Indianola	35 38
CR Jefferson	TBD
Roosevelt	22 56
Lincoln	TBD
Fort Dodge	26 46
North	TBD
East	38 57
Ottumwa	24 44
Johnston	23 56
Lincoln	37 68
SE Polk	43 56
Urbandale	25 49
North	57 45
Valley	22 63
East	20 40
Ames	24 44
Ottumwa	31 29
Johnston	27 39



Varsity  
Front row: Charisse Brown, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Amy Uhl, Kylie Van Houten, and Jessica Rude. Decond row: Amber Anderson, Alexeandrea Reif, Apajok Wal, Alexis Andrews, Liza Brittain, Charae Miller, and Katie Zenz. Back row: John Nelson, Michael Brown, Jeff Flemming, Nyayang Toang, Ericka Hussman, Alyssa McNeeley, Alayna Bailey, Jim Peterson, and Haywood Boston.



The girls do their ritual and huddles before the tip off of a home game. The Huskies have a chant to go along.





Clockwise: Junior Solomon Tracey defends a Johnston player at a home game. This is Tracey's third year playing basketball. Senior Mike Kuhn dribbles around a Marshalltown player in the first game of the season, Kuhn also plays football and runs track. Freshman Reggie White tries to get the tip off in the beginning of the game. Senior Jermaine Woods looks for a teammate to pass the ball to while playing Marshalltown. Senior Robert Patton goes up for a lay-up at Drake; they played Ankeny in the Jamboree. Sophomore Quincy King dribbles past a Johnston player at a home game. This is King's first year on varsity. Coach Charles Zanders talks to his team during a time out. Senior Robert Patton and freshman Reggie White defend an East player at a home conference game. Quincy King shoots a jump shot at a away game at Dowling. The team raises their hands at the beginning of the game and perform their ritual chant. The boys finish their warm up with a ritual, that coach Jamel Crawford leads. Senior Charles Burrell ties to go up for a layup.

Through the years the guys on the basketball team have become more than just teammates. They're like family.

Win or lose, every guy on the team has the other's back.

"It's fun being on the team because it's like a brotherhood; we all have fun," senior Kevin Parker said.

The guys mess around and joke like teenagers but they know when to be serious and when to have fun. One way is to get ready for the game.

"Before a game we all like to get each other pumped up and ready for the game, after that; win or lose, we're all still really close," freshman Kelly Madison said.

They practice and play together but there is much more to it.

"We spend a lot of time together, come from the same places and we all pretty much have the same stories. That's why I think we're so close and get along so well," Parker said.

Though the team has the guys to lean on, there's a down side.

"The worst part about the season is losing to a team we know we can win against," junior Salomon Tracey said.

The team has their ups and their downs, but they know they have their teammates there for them. Whether it's a win or a lose, they're still a team.





Win or lose they're still a **TEAM**;  
they're still a **FAMILY**.

## SCOREBOARD

	Them	Us
Marshalltown	51	48
Indianola	51	<b>54</b>
Des Moines Roosevelt	41	<b>59</b>
Des Moines Lincoln	46	49
Waterloo East	63	47
Fort Dodge	50	<b>66</b>
Des Moines North	57	<b>68</b>
Des Moines East	53	<b>61</b>
Ottumwa	53	<b>54</b>
Johnston	29	45
Des Moines Lincoln	50	<b>55</b>
Southeast Polk	43	47
Urbandale	53	<b>41</b>
Des Moines North	38	<b>57</b>
Valley	49	<b>50</b>
Des Moines East	44	<b>74</b>
Ames	TBD	TBD
Ottumwa	20	62
Dowling Catholic	73	<b>67</b>
Mason City	40	70
Ankeny (substate)	52	67
Southeast Polk (substate)	63	40



Front row: Terez Taylor, Jeremy Watkins Harris, Montez Johnson, Khasif White, Onterier Brown,  
Row 2: Nick Wilerson, Adem Buza, Zach Klever, Kourtlin Jackson, Kaleb Thomas, Lester Mwirichia  
Back row: Coach Jason Karidos, Kelly Madison, Javon Williams, Julius Dock, Chris Bemisdarser, John Joy



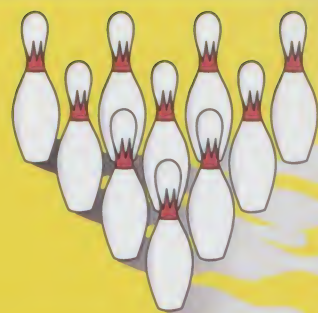
Front row: Micheal Hart, Kershawn Wilson, Kourtlin Jackson.  
Row 2: Mohamad Abdullah, Onterier Brown, Kelly Madison, Kendall Brown.  
Back row: Coach Pat McMahon, Josh Johnson, Darius Winters, Shane Kittrell.



Front row: Lawerece McLachlan, Terry Harrison, Devon Campbell, Solomon Tracey, Romell Sellers, Jon McCutchin Row 2: Kendall Brown, De'Ambre Zanders, Quincy King, Mike Kuhn, Josh Johnson, Jermaine Woods, Kevin Parker. Back row: Robert Patton, Sam Turner, Corey Lewis, Reggie White, Darius Winters.



# Bowling strikes the competition



Sophomore Tina Pieffer practices at Plaza Lanes before the meet against East. Pieffer is the top bowler on junior varsity. This is Pieffer's first year on the team.



Bowling is a sport, not just some activity that people play because they are bored. Last year Brandon Drake won state in bowling and the team hopes to do the same without him.

The team consists of approximately 15 boys and 15 girls, one of whom is senior Blair Taylor-Wagner.

"We go in like its normal practice," Taylor-Wagner said.

Taylor-Wagner has been bowling for six years.

"It's (bowling) is fun. You can hang out with your friends," Taylor-Wagner said.

Bowling is a game of consistency and requires concentration. Any bowler can tell you this. One of which is James Head. Head has been bowling since he was five years old. Everyone in my family is a bowler, Head said.

"Bowling is a game of repetition," Head said. "All you got to do is keep doing what you do over and over again," Head said.

Bowling isn't just all business and no play. "Anybody can bowl," Head said.

Taylor Wagner agrees, "Anybody that's consistent can bowl."

Taylor-Wagner said that his specialty is being good under pressure. How you prepare can make or break you.

Taylor-Wagner prepares by concentrating on the lane conditions, while Head just concentrates on being consistent.

"We have pretty good bowlers this year," Head said. Will that be enough to take us to state?

"We have good coaches this year," Taylor-Wagner said, "but we need support from the school."

The bowling team is not perfect. We need to hit our spares," Head and Taylor-Wagner said.

Bowling may not be the most celebrated sport but it is important to the team. So a way we can support them is go to the meets and to recognize these people as not just people who play a game, but as athletes who do what they can to win.

## Five tips on how to throw a Hook

1. Use a proper grip. The proper grip for this type of shot is with your two middle fingers in the correct sockets up to the first knuckle on your fingers.
2. Depending on the hand you hold your ball with, you want to line up to the opposite side you are holding your ball with.
3. Depending on how far back you line up the number of steps may differ. The recommended number of steps is four.
4. As you are in your back swing, you want to make sure your palm is directly under the ball. As you throw the ball your hand should be on the side and slightly under the ball.
5. The follow through is just as important as any of these steps. Instead of following through straight through the lane your hand should be directly outward.



Clockwise: Senior Mitchell Stites practices at Plaza. This is Stites third year on the team. Sophomore Tanner Buckley congratulates fellow teammate by bumping elbows. In bowling 'pounding it' or giving high fives is common. Senior Blair Taylor lines up and gets ready to bowl. This time Taylor threw a strike. Taylor-Wagner has been on the team for four years.



## How do you feel about your performance this season?

Sophomore  
**Kelly Reiersen**

"My performance is decent I guess. I know I'm not very good and this is my first year. I just did it to have fun and to try something new."



Sophomore  
**Tanner Buckley**

"I thought my performance got off to rough start, but after a few meets, I finally got more consistent."



Junior  
**Brittany Burkmire**

"I feel like I could've done better this season. I've done well, but I haven't really given it my full potential."



Junior Niki McClain (above) gets ready to bowl at Plaza Lanes, where the teams play for home games. Sophomores LeDonte Bradley, Michael Bell and Tanner Buckley watch fellow bowlers at practice. Senior Zach Toole (middle left) practices at Plaza Lanes. This is Toole's first year on the team.



Coaches Randy Burkmire and Curtis Wagner (above) discuss bowling tactics. This is Burkmire's second year coaching. Burkmire and Wagner both have children on the team.



Junior James Head (left) bowls at Plaza Lanes. This is Head's third year on the bowling team. Head is also on the football team.



**Front row:** Stephanie Mulstay, Tina Pieffer, Tiffany Burkmire, Maiga Suscas, Lindy Beyerink, Elizabeth McInroy, Ashley Neal.

**Row 2:** Chris Burkmire, Laura Allie, Kelly Reiersen, Brittany Burkmire, Nikki Kemp, Zach Toole, LeDeonte Bradley, Tanner Buckley.

**Back row:** Randy Burkmire, Niki McClain, James Head, Caleb Kafer, Blair Taylor-Wagner, Kyle Kirshbaum, Tyler Peeler, Charlie McInroy, Mitchell Stites, Michael Bell, Bill Burkmire.



# FRESHMEN

They thought they knew, but really they had no idea what to expect walking through those doors.

Being the new kid on campus, going through all the freshmen initiations, walking into the school on the first day being the youngest and experiencing everything for the first time and being called the "freshman" all year.

Going to a dance, pep assembly, doing that V-I-C-T-O-R-Y cheer for the first time, making that first impression to get in good with the upperclassmen, deciding if it's "cool" to join this club or that sport. We were all once there but times change. **YOU THINK YOU KNOW BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.**

Freshman Lester Mwirichia and friend works on a poster in Science teacher Mirium Heuermann's class. Mwirichia is also active in football.



**Clockwise:** Freshman MacKenzie Bright tries to stay awake during class. Freshman Andrea Bailey studies in class. Bailey is also involved in cross country and swimming.

Freshman Tyler Hawxby concentrated in Amber Davison's World History class. Hawxby is also a part of the football team. The freshman football team walks through the spirit tunnel during the fall sports assembly; they won three games.

Freshman Amber Trimble texts during class. According to *textually.org* 220 million mobile phone users sending text messages regularly.

Freshmen Javon Williams and Reggie Renold (right) work together in Dawnda Roney's math class. Williams is also involved in basketball.







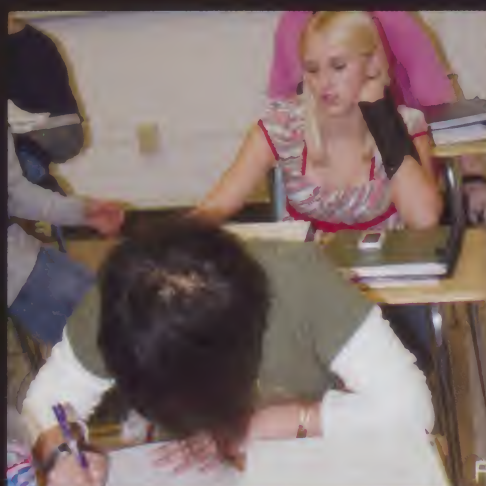
The freshmen class (left) yells during the fight for the spirit stick. The freshmen typically don't win the spirit stick but they did beat the seniors in the Dodgeball tournament.

**Freshmen** Anna Strait and Nyamach Mai work together on a workseet. Strait is also involved in Track and Cross Country.



**Freshmen** Logan Sanders and Shandie Carson talk before the GSA meeting in Scott Reiker's room. GSA met to make Valentine's cards for Meals on Wheels.

**Freshman** Nick Ghormley (right) holds a snake in Mirium Heuermann's class. Ghormley. **Freshmen** Amber Trimble and Lucas Hallman work on a PowerPoint in Heuermann's class.



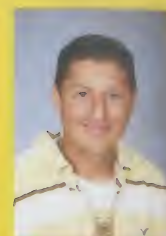
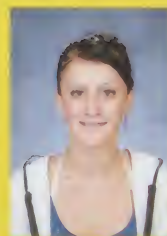
**Freshman** Mallorie Wood (far left) works hard in math class. Wood is also a cheerleader.

**Sophomore** Tran Dang and freshman Katie Stites work on homework in math teacher Laura Brink's seventh period class. **Freshman** Daeneen Green texts and listens to her iPod during math class.



# FRESHMEN

Mejdil Abmotovic  
Lawrence Abston Jr  
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Narela Alic  
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Ivan Amaya



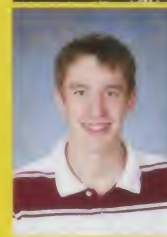
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Ashlee Batiste  
Christopher Bauer  
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Bralen Berry  
Lindy Beyerink  
Hannah Bixby  
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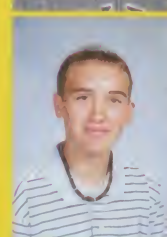
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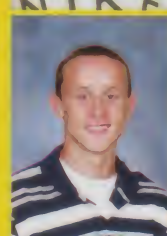
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Jocelyn Merino  
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Danny Rodriguez  
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Marisol Rodriguez Hernan

Kiana Roppe  
William Rotza  
Timothy Routh Jr.  
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Peyton Runde

# Class of 2011



# FRESHMEN

Jose Sanchez  
Luis Sanchez  
Logan Sanders  
Alejandro Sandoval  
Jessica Sandoval  
Rebecca Sandoval



Irfana Saric  
Raymond Saucedo Iii  
Alias Alan Schakel  
Matthew Schiltz  
Justin Shafer  
Jerrica Sheridan



Selemani Sibomana  
Brandon Signs  
Rodney Silliman  
Mallory Sims  
Mirzeta Sisis  
Jasmine Smith



Jena Smith  
Jerod Smith  
Tyler Smith  
Sara Sparks  
Eric Stacy  
Katheryn Stites



Hasib Stitkovac  
Anna Strait  
Joshua Strait  
Alexis Streeper  
Jasmina Suljic  
Shireena Taylor



Terez Taylor  
Jordan Thomas  
Kaleb Thomas  
Markette Thomas  
Ronald Thornton  
Azra Tokmanovic



Brooke Torres  
Nefi Torres  
Amber Trimble  
Quan Truong  
Leeanna Tyer  
Adam Tyler



Garrett Vadillo  
Heather Valderrama  
Joshua Valverde  
Alan Vazquez  
Pamela Vazquez  
Jenny Vigil





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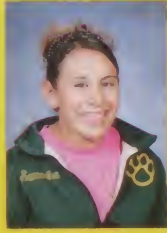
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Jasmine Williams  
Deshawn Willis



Champaigne Wilson  
Chardonay Wilson  
Kaela Winfrey  
Max Wissler  
Mallorie Wood  
Faduma Yasin



Ikran Yasin  
Emily Young  
Patrice Young  
Patrick Young  
Samantha Zepeda

"High school is bigger  
and harder."

freshman Devon Murray



"High school is more  
difficult than middle  
school."

freshman Phong Nguyen



Underclass Mugs- Ashley Lawrence, Stephaine Mulstay and Corey Soulinthavong (55



# Sophomores

So we got that victory cheer down and we know where the nurse and any other important rooms are. But the fun is just about to come. It's that time to define yourself. The time to make the right choice and set your path, whether it's being on the cheerleading squad or the bowling team. You're starting the true years as a high schooler, doing everything that you can. Dances, assemblies, Friday games; you're used to that. Done being called the freshmen, moving up in the world. Sophomore is a defining year. Freshmen think they know, but they have no idea.



Jon Preston (above) runs at a cross country meet at Sleepy Hollow. Katie King and Kylie Van Houton (below) dance at tailgating. King and Van Houton have been cheering since their freshmen year. Van Houton also plays softball and basketball.



**Sophomores** Nate Clark and Any Uhl (top right) tailgate before a football game. Clark plays baseball and football. **Sophomores** Elizabeth Elliott and Kelly Reierson (above) take a break and walk after their cross country meet. **Sophomores** Victoria Jones and Danus Winters (right) sit together at a basketball game. Jones plays volleyball and Winters plays basketball.

56) Sophomore Division- Dana Hall and Stephanie Mulstay





**Sophomores** Tyler Peeler and Basil Vennard (above) talk and hug in the student center. **Sophomore** Cory Wagner and her friend do their work in Maribeth Newman's math class. Mallory Stites, Alex Kilgore and Allison O' Braza (right) walking down the long hallway at the end of the day.



**Sophomores** Mallory Stites (top right) looks confused in one of her classes.

**Sophomores** Liza Brittain, Aleshia Smith and Will Brazel (above) socialize in Julie Goldman's science class. **Sophomores** Tyler Sample and Madi Rothman (left) hang out in the student section. **Sophomores** Anthony Woods (far Left) play video games at Entertainment Tonight. **Front row:** Annie Boch, Keri O' Tool, Haley Call and Lizzie Thomas, back row: Morgan Heintz, Victoria Jones and Elizabeth Elliott (below) cheer at an assembly.





# SOPHOMORES

Mohamed Abdullah  
Raven Abston  
Dallas Earl Adair  
Alon Adamovic  
Nicholas Arizona  
Juan Amaya



Amber Anderson  
Alexis Andrews  
Rabi Ashrafi  
Annie Bach  
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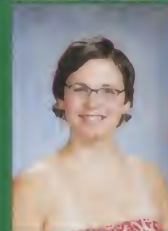
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Chauncey Boyers  
Ladonte Bradley



Willie Brazzile III  
Liza Brittain  
Chloe Brown  
Kassandra Brown  
Kendall Brown  
Kari Buegh



Robert Buckley  
Tanner Buckley  
Brittany Burkmore  
Madison Burrows  
Sam Burt  
Reggie Butts



Heley Call  
Marley Canada  
Brenna Carlson  
Evan Carr  
William Carr II  
Jose Castillo



Anthony Chappell  
Martha Chestern  
Kristopher Chestnut  
Marissa Chestnut  
Nate Clark  
Leshara Conner







Syrisha Conway  
Shymeka Cook  
Lateekia Cooley  
Denzel Cooper  
Al Darson  
Stephanie Daughenbaugh

Raeshawn Davis  
Dana Delafield  
Matthew Dicks  
Christopher Dickson  
Robert Dory  
Matthew Dubay

Emily Dungan  
Cody Dyer  
Dennisa Dzalic  
Derrick Earnest Jr.  
Alexis Edwards  
Taylor Edwards

Elizabeth Elliott  
Kristofer Enghsen  
Elizabeth Eller  
Mariana Evans  
Brittany Figueroa  
Ashley Foreman

Courtney Frost  
Phonella Gaye  
Quin Goodby  
Marsh Goodson  
Alyssa Gould  
Luke Gude

Lucina Gutierrez  
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Arda Hadzic  
Vedran Hadzovic  
Samra Hamzic  
Michael Hart

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Morgan Heintz  
Thomas Henry  
Kira Herron  
Nicholas Hestbeck  
Jalisa Hogan

Elvir Hotic  
Alecia Huston  
Franklin Irvin  
Mareon Jefferson  
Jhovany Jimenez  
Margarita Jimenez Avila

# Class of 2010



# SOPHOMORES

Antwana Johnson  
Brian Johnson  
Eleanor Johnson  
Sydney Johnson  
Erin Jones  
Victoria Jones



Leslie Kadera  
Ayla Kacic  
Joseph Keiser  
Emily Kemple  
James Kent  
Austin Kientel



Alexandra Kilgore  
Bradley Kimball  
Katie King  
Quincy King  
Kyle Kirschbaum  
Shanetino Kittrell



Elvir Klempic  
Daniel Klinefelter  
Nyallchori Koal  
Andrew Lamb  
Mara Larsen  
Ashley Lawrence



An My Le  
Huong Thi Le  
Tarrice Lee  
David Lemons  
Kimberly Leothi  
Kathryn Leroy



Mary Lindaman  
Zachery Linn  
Cecilia Lopez-Rocha  
Warren Lyons  
Emir Malovic  
David Martinez



David Mathews  
Nico McClain  
Olivia McCum  
Miana McEneaney  
Charles McInroy  
Elizabeth Molloy



Douglas Melnick  
Xiomara Mejia  
Kadir Memisevic  
Mansol Mera  
Chase Miller  
Bria Miller







Mikala Moore  
Jacob Mora-Huber  
Jhonnella Mozee  
Amira Mujakic  
Alex Murdock  
Sierra Mure

Ashley Neal  
Michael Neal  
John Naei  
Krisia Nelson  
Susan Ngugi  
Agnes Nishimwe

Allison O'brazza  
Ken O'cool  
Keith Orley II  
Flicky Osby  
Brian Oswald  
Adis Pajic

Demick Palm  
Juan Patino  
Tyler Peeler  
Christina Peiffer  
Bobbi Pentton  
Jessa Peterson

Saira Philips  
Latasha Porté  
Jonathan Preston  
Margaret Quememboen  
Iesha Quinn  
Payton Quinn

Edgar Ramirez  
Felicia Reede  
Joelua Reyes  
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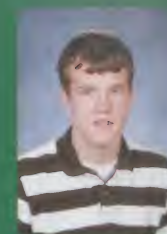
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Roberto Ruiz  
Jordan Ruter  
Mohamed Saniago  
Cody Sargent



Korissa Seeley  
Naji Shorter  
Aleshia Smith  
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Kenneth Smith  
Jessica Spina



Joseph Spring  
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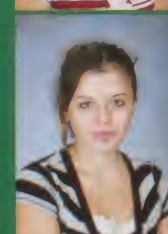
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Kyle Uike  
Uriel Valenzuela



Kylie Van Houten  
Azmir Vaires  
Basil Vennard  
Behara Vrsbac  
Daniel Waller  
Trevor Ward



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Coral Wenger  
Dillon Whalen  
Jennifer Whaley  
Kerston Wilson  
Ray Wilson Jr  
Monique Winfrey



Darius Winters  
Parker Wolfe  
Andrew Woods  
Anthony Woods  
Kayleigh Wren  
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Jacole Wright  
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## HOW WAS THIS YEAR DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR?

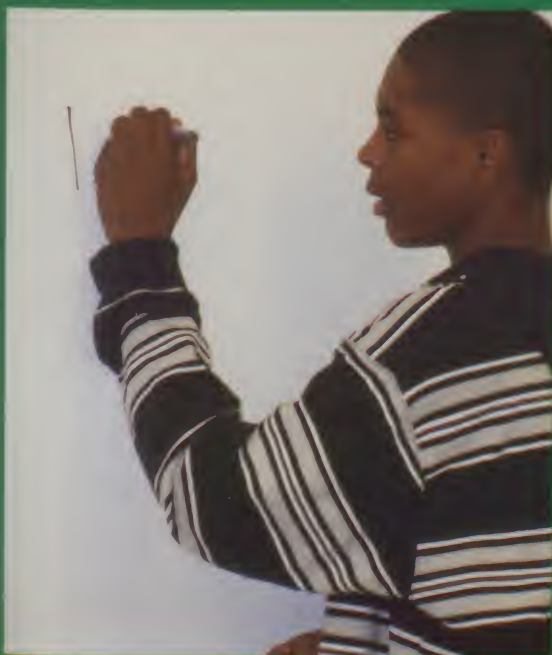
"More responsibilities  
and homework."

sophomore Darius Winters



"It's a lot harder than my  
freshman year and I've learned  
a lot more, too. My football  
season is better because I  
started, and I got more help  
than last year and I got to  
meet new people."

sophomore Kristopher Chestnut



Katie King and Evelina Begonovic (top right) play around at tailgating. Morgan Heintz, Ashley Lawrence and Mariel Meza (above left) are at Drake for a yearbook conference. All 3 girls play volleyball. Quincy King and Josh Johnson (above right) are doing a defensive drill in basketball. King and Johnson both play football and Johnson plays baseball and runs track. Ashley Neal (above) works on a project in art class. Neal plays soccer and is also a cheerleader. Nate Clark (left) runs with the ball at a football game against Roosevelt. Clark also plays baseball. Derrick Earnest (left) writes a math problem down in math class.

Sophomore mugs: Dana Hall and Corey Soulinthavong (63)

# Class of 2010



# JUNIORS

Victory cheer? Own that! School spirit? Own that! Seniority is something we think we got. Junior year is the toughest. A lot of transitions. Finding who your real friends are. Sitting back and reminiscing about those sophomore days. It's time to step up, ACT's right around the corner, getting all those college letters. If you're the athlete that you wanted to become, this is your year. If you've got high expectations for your club, make things happen. It's your year to become a leader. The pack of '08 is about to graduate and the pack of '09, well, it's their time to shine. **YOU THINK YOU KNOW, BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.**



**Junior** Evan Hoyt (above) walks crippled across the stage. Hoyt played Tiny Twist in the winter play. **Junior** Apajok Wal reads a novel in class. Apajok is involved in volleyball and basketball. **Juniors** Anna Moody and Abby Van Der Beek point at the opposing team. Moody and Van Der Beek are also on the volleyball and softball team. **Junior** Casey Clark reads the novel speak in class. Clark is also involved in football. **Junior** Joshua Williams and sophomore Latasha Porte work together on math problems in Maribeth Newman's class.



**Junior** Valerie Vivian performs at the winter play as the Ghost of Christmas Past. **Junior** Patrick Murphy helps our sophomore Bobbi Jo Pentico in the library. **Junior** Lananh Pham reads instructions in Keresten Conn's class. **Junior** James Head bowls at Plaza Lanes to prepare for the upcoming meet. **Junior** Jamie Howett reads a novel by Chris Crutcher in English class.







**Juniors** (top) yell trying to win the spirit stick at an assembly. **Junior** Tylasha Smith (above) reads her math book in Maribeth Newman's math class.

**Juniors** Hall Dolder and Becca Leffler (middle) work on biology in Eric Hall's seventh period class. **Juniors** Hanesha Farris and LaRon Wilson walk together; both were on homecoming court. **Juniors** Lawrence McLachlan, Ike Harris and Corey Lewis (right) talk at lunch. McLachlan and Lewis play basketball. **Juniors** Katie Zenz and Samantha Rieke (far right) cheer at the Homecoming assembly.



# JUNIORS

Melissa Adair  
Tyler Ahrens  
Hamed Alic  
Benjamin Allen  
Shameikwa Allen  
Laura Allie



Toccarra Ambrose  
Abraham Anaal  
Christiana Anthony  
Sulejman Atajic  
DreSean Barber  
Cynnamon Bebensee



Mujo Becirovic  
Evelina Beganovic  
Athena Bell  
Darvate Bell  
Michael Bell  
Lucia Bello-Ruiz



Jacob Bernholtz  
Bryne Berry  
Sir William Bevis  
Nathan Bickel  
Nicklaus Bleimehl  
Shavontia Boldin



Kena Bonner-Shields  
Anthony Breeze  
Patrick Bremhorst  
Brittany Buckner  
Helen Burdine  
Richard Burt Iii



Alexander Buscher  
Thang Cao  
Chase Casidy  
Jack Christensen  
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Zachary Colbert



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Hali Dolder  
Ramiza Dzinic  
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Caleb Emerson  
Samir Eminic  
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Raneshia Farris  
Alicia Fitch



Alexander Franklin  
John Freeman  
Keya Gaines  
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Terry Harrison Jr



James Head Jr  
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Amy Kopaska  
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Samantha Larimer  
David Larmie



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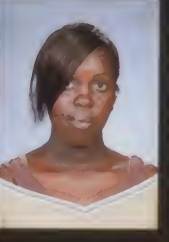
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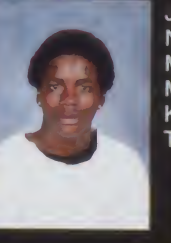
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Jesus Sanchez  
Edwin Sandoval  
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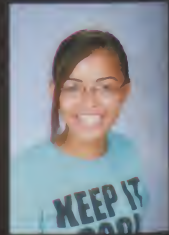
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Ayesah Sykes  
Jordan Taha  
Daniel Tarbox



James Taylor Jr  
Ashley Thorpe  
Jessica Thrane  
Nyayang Toang  
Bobby Togba  
Norellen Toomey



Solomon Tracey  
Thanh Tran  
Mark Trisler  
Kartier Trowbridge  
Samuel Turner  
Angelina Valdez







Abby Van Der Beek  
Elerick Vazquez  
Itzel Vides  
Valerie Vivian  
Alyssa Vogel  
Justin Wade



Apajok Wal  
Sinead Walker  
Frankie Washington  
Joanna Welter  
Jenna Wilhelm  
Christopher Wilkerson



Joshua Williams  
Charniqua Wilson  
Erin Wilson  
Laron Wilson  
Whitney Woodyard  
Ayad Yousif



Marwan Yugusuk  
De'ambre Zanders  
Kathryn Zenz



Bowling coach Billy Burkmire (top right) talks to junior Laura Allie about her aim. This is Allie's first year on the team. **The** class of 2009 get pumped at the Homecoming assembly.

## WHY IS THIS YEAR SPECIAL TO YOU?

"This year is special to me because it's almost my last year to get my grades right before senior year."

Junior Rickea Harrington



"It's my junior year, one year left and I'm going to college."

Junior Ayad Yousif



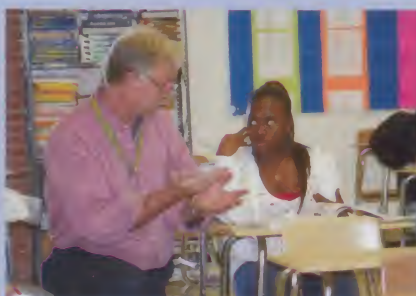
# Class of 2009



Clockwise: **Government** and economics teacher Steve Koch lectures during third period. Koch is known for his famous quote. "May 23, I'll be there; will you?" **History** teacher Jason Danielson plays the piano during the talent show. The talent show was Dec. 14. **Science** teacher Eric Hall explains about Reggie's Sleepout to NHS students. Reggie's Sleepout is held every year at Drake stadium. **Chief** Engineer Jason Kono relaxes in his office. Kono is in charge of the cleaning crews for Hoover and Meredith. **Science** teacher Beth Zavala shows her students something on the overhead.



Resource Teacher Shawna Soderstrum (above) helps one of her students work on a powerpoint. Clockwise: **History** teacher Philip Carlson helps senior Tysonda Millsap understand American history. **Vice** principal Janine Shochenmier holds the spirit stick as she decides who to give it to. The seniors won in the end. Math teacher Maribeth Newman makes an important call. Newman is also in charge of the Enviromental Club. Assistant band director Scott Davis plays the trumpet at the talent show. Davis played three songs including Winter Wonderland





# -TEACHERS-



Clockwise: **Speech** teacher and debate coach Sarah Hamilton goes over sentence flow in second period. This is Hamilton's first year teaching. **Science** teacher Miriam Heuerman covers up her whole face before she is to get a pie in the face. Heuerman raised the most money for the pie in the face fundraiser for Best Buddies. **Library** assistant Carrie Kent reads the newspaper during homeroom. Kent's son James attends Hoover. **English** teacher Nic Jackson wipes his face after receiving his pie from senior Aaron Gottl. **Math** teacher Josh Griffith goes over homework. Griffith's homeroom participated in the dodgeball tournament.



Math teacher Laura Brinks (left) works on the overhead to show her class how to do a problem. Brinks teaches calculus and pre-calculus. Math teacher Megan Smith goes over sixth period's homework assignment. Smith is also one of the coaches for volleyball.



# TEACHERS



Julie Abels



Miriam Alshouse



Kristine Aringdale



Haywood Boston



Laura Brinks



Linda Brown



Jimmie Cameron



Barbara Campbell



Phil Carlson



Brett Comegys



Keresten Conn



Patricia Cusmano



Jason Danielson



Amber Davison



Terri Dessauer



Eric Donhowe



Andrew Douglas



Mary Dycus



Beth Eilers



Mitch Elbert



Shelley Faidley



Jacque Fletcher



Lisa Fried



Gabriela Gerken



Paula Gilliam



Sherri Gish



Julie Goldman



Cindy Grandquist



Ann Grant



Fran Graziano



74) Teacher mugs- Dana Hall and Stephanie Mulstay

## What is your favorite part about teaching?

"If I had to choose one thing I liked best about teaching, I think I'd say the diversity of the job. One day my favorite story will involve a brilliant student who wrote a great paper, and the next day it'll be something ridiculously funny that one of my class clowns did. A teacher gets to wear a lot of hats, so even though some days can be incredibly stressful I have never once been bored."

social science teacher Jason Danielson



# THE A C H E R S



Melvin Green



Brad Grier



Josh Griffith



Eric Hall



Sarah Hamilton



Rick Hammen



Carrie Harjes



Linda Hart



James Hill



Sandra Hinkle



Randall Hoepker



Francine Jackman



Nick Jackson



Jeff Janson



Patricia Jensen-Bock



Pat Johnson



Andrew Jordan



Carrie Kent



Chris Knee



Sue Kneller



Steve Koch



Velida Kovacevic



Jason Lampe



Patrick Lowe



Carla Madson



Jeanne Mark



Dan McClannahan



Jon Means



Joan Mickle



Thomas Milke

## What is your defining moment in your teaching career?

"Lots of little moments- whenever a group is working hard and seems to be making some progress in their understanding; whenever a group has an, " Oh-that-is-easy" moment!- math teacher Maribeth Newman





# THE ACHERS



Rob Minick



Maureen Murphy



Janice Ochoa



Diane Oleson



Barbara Peterson



Deanne Petts



Jennifer Phillips



Kristyna Phillips



Susan Pille



Bill Proctor



Judy Renoux



Scott Rosin



Jon Rubino



Janine Schochenmaier



Carolyn Seeley



Jennifer Shiek



Megan Smith



Shauna Sodestrum



Edmundo Sloilz



Helen Staiert



Kirk Stevens



Amy Stockton



Elaine Tant



Terry Debbie



Michale Vuckovich



Penny Weishaar



Doug Wheeler



Greg Wildman



Anna Wolf



Beth Zavala



"One thing about working with (special education students) is that I get to learn different things about what they have to go through with their disabilities and about all the new gadgets and technology designed to make life easier for them. I also see how people treat them differently and make it harder for them to fit in, but overall it's a fun job and a good learning experience." associate Jimmie Cameron



# TEACHERS



Ray Carrington



Pam Pilcher



John Eller



Mirian Heuermann



Barb Jamison



Dawnda Roney



Cang Pham



Kathleen McNeal



Linda Hart



Timm Pilcher



Dannie Spann



Rosalind Oliver



Judy Rosenberg



Dale Erikson



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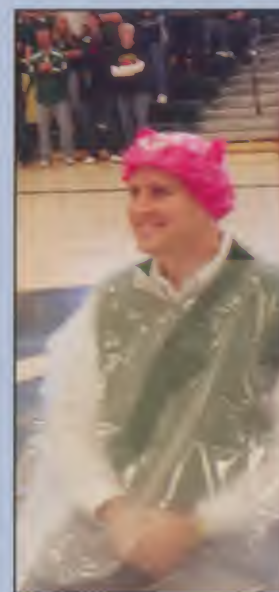


Jeni Courney



Best Buddies advisor and special education teacher Cindy Grandquist (far left) helps get things set up for selling candy cane grams. Attendance secretary Sandy Hinkle answers a phone call. Hinkle is in charge of calling parents when students are absent.

"I became a teacher to shape and mold young minds into a focused world view.... Honestly, I did not enjoy high school because of the way I was taught in high school. I enjoyed learning, but did not enjoy school. I became a teacher because I thought I could engage students to discover their own love of learning and move from covering topics to creating understanding of topics. This is the same reason I became an administrator."  
Principal Doug Wheeler



Teacher mugs- Toccarra Ambrose (77)



# WE ARE THE HUSKIES

YOU THINK YOU KNOW,  
BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA

The juniors (right) cheer at the Student of all Seasons assembly, They were cheering for the spirit stick. **Seniors** Jenny Stites, Leslie Millard, Katie Lovan and Jolie Monroe (below) hold their shoes up at a home basketball game, The seniors made up the trend of holding up their shoes. **Senior** Jessica Cozad and sophomore Franklin Ervin hug outside. **Senior** Sara Little and her date, former student Marlo Morgan, senior Lorreal McCauren and her date junior Taylor Hall (below) pose for a picture at the Homecoming dance. **Senior** Stephon James and sophomore Katie King (below) sit and eat at a basketball game. **Sophomore** Parker Wolf (below right) carries a speaker during Entertainment Tonight. **Sophomores** Haley Call, Alexandra Kilgore and Allision O'brazza stand and watch the first football game. **Seniors** (below) show their backs while the other classes were doing the victory cheer.







Seniors Charles Zanders, Alyssa McNeeley, freshmen Lester Mwrchia, senior Even Eastman, junior Dalton Jacobus and senior Steven Strecker (top left) talk while the Mediacom camera man is filming them. Freshmen Hannah Bixby, Andrea Bailey, Katie Stites, Treyveon Lewis and Mallory Sims (top middle) talk during a home basketball game. Sophomores Marisol Meza and Quinn Gooch laugh at a home game. Senior Courtney McNeeley and sophomore Bobby Jo Pentico (far left) sitting in the hallway doing work. They were dressed up for spirit week. Sophomore Karri Buah (middle) takes a nap in one of her classes. The band plays at one of the home football games. Junior Anna Moody and senior Carlinda Hedrick laugh at a home basketball game. Freshmen (middle) play football at lunch. Seniors Nathan Oakley, junior Anthony Breeze and Aaron Strom sit at a basketball game laughing and having fun. Sophomores Elizabeth McInroy, Alexandria Reif and Kelly Reiersen (far left) walk down the stairs at the Botanical Center for Winter Formal. Junior Jordan Saltonstall and Senior Adam Stearns act in the Winter play. Junior De'Ambre Zanders works hard in class. Students hang out in the student center at second Lunch (left). Junior Corey Lewis and senior Kevin Parker (far left) hang out in the stands as they wait for the girls game to get over. Lewis and Parker play basketball. Juniors Melissa Turner and Shanell Collins sing at the Vocal Music concert. Senior Ashley Inman helps make signs for talent show auditions.



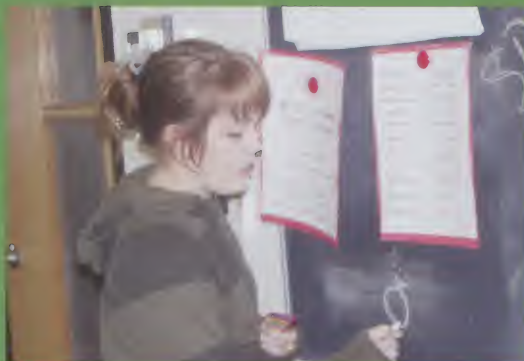
# The formula for success

Going to seven periods a day; waiting for the bell to ring. Thinking in each class why you need to take this class when most likely you won't need it after graduation. Wondering what other extra credit you can do. Going through the crazy hallways while people are pushing, arguing or just being loud when they are two inches in front of each other. Worrying about those english essays, those hard math tests and trying to juggle a part time job. While doing this, waiting for the day to be over and doing it all over again, day after day, **YOU THINK YOU KNOW, BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.**



**Freshman** Aaron Homard (far left) plays the drums in the band room. Homard is also in drama. **Senior** Diana Green (left) works hard in sewing class on a pair of pajama pants. Green is also involved in senior board. **Sophomore** Elizabeth McInroy makes a frame out of clay in Mirium Alshouse's class. McInroy plays soccer and is on the bowling team. Sophomore Anthony Chappell and freshmen Andre Lyle Jr. and Tomesha Louis work on a science project in Eric Hall's class. Trumpet and saxophone students line up at morning practice. Band has morning practice at 7 a.m. **Senior** Tanner Henitz welds in Jeff Jansen's class. Henitz has been in industrial technology for three years.





Marching band (far left) lines up as they play at the football game.

Senior Jessie Benson (middletop ) draws on Sarah Hamilton's board during second period. Seniors Alaina Andorf, Nathan Joy and Junior Alicia Finch (middle bottom) sing at the choir concert at Hoover. Andorf is also in drama. Freshmen Marisol Rodriguez and Macey Ponce work on a pajama pants in sewing class.



Senior Josh Bradley (above) studies hard in Laura Brinks math class.

Senior Heather Stull (left) works hard on Algebra II math problems in Megan Smith's class.

Frehman Ja'Sean Coleman measures out sugar for a rclepe in Keresten Conn's class.

Senior McKayla Bright (middle top) works on a project for sewing class.



# Take a step forward

## ... with advanced English

Students know that English is required to graduate from high school. But what they don't know is that there is more than one opportunity if the class isn't challenging enough.

AP English is a class that can be taken for seniors to get college credit and teacher Nic Jackson looks for students that are self starters and interested in content.

"I enjoy his class because he makes it fun and interesting if you like what you're reading but boring if you don't," senior Kylie Burr said.

Some students don't want the challenge because regular English is good enough plus advanced classes aren't required.

"I'm not interested in AP or advanced English because I don't comprehend very well and I forget things easily," junior Tyler Scott said.

Students should have good control of language and be able to ask questions if wanting to be in AP.

"To help students keep their grades up I give similar assignments throughout the year and point out what students do wrong so they can correct their errors," AP English teacher Nick Jackson said.

Many students take advanced classes only because of college credit and not because it helps to prepare them for college.

"The only difference between AP and regular English is that the class gets more in depth and is more fast paced," Burr said.

Students can learn things such as theme in stories, essay writing, and the image of philosophy. Jackson has been focusing on poetry and also added more exciting books to get students interested.

"I'm a goof ball and like to have fun but be serious at the same time. Students always know when things are due because deadlines are posted and I'm also a big fan of email so I'm easy to get a hold of," Jackson said.



Juniors Whitney Woodyard, Alicia Fitch and Samuel Turner read through the text book during Amy Stockton's advanced English class.

Junior Nicole Overton (below) does a worksheet during third period. Overton is involved in NHS.



Junior Haley Schnicker (left) finishes a worksheet and reviews a piece she just read. Schnicker is involved in choir.



Junior Joanna Welter (right) studies her notes before a test. Welter is a reporter for the *Challenger*.



## WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE ENGLISH TEACHER?



"Mr. Jackson; he makes class interesting and things easy to understand."

- senior Kylie Burr -

"Mrs. Brown; she's the only teacher I've had. We read books and do work over the reading, which makes it easy."

- junior Tyler Scott -

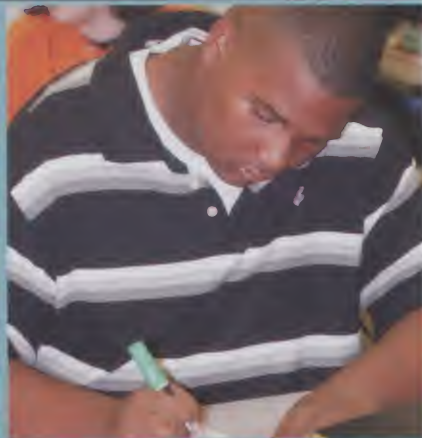




Seniors Anthony Finney and Lela Cowherd (right) take notes during Calculus. Both students also take Biology II.



**Senior** Carlinda Hedrick (top) listens to math teacher Laura Brincks during Calculus. **Junior** Jake Marshall (above) gets help from math teacher Aaron Jordan.



**Freshmen** Bralen Berry (top) does an activity during Geometry class. **Senior** Brittany Chapman (middle) highlights the important facts on an assignment. **Senior** Nathan Oakley (above) takes notes during Calculus class.

## Working toward an A+ (that doesn't just mean addition)

Let's face it, math isn't exactly exciting or fun for some, but it's required to graduate. Students even take advanced math after the required classes are met.

"I am taking calculus because I get college credit but I enjoy having Mrs. Brinks as a teacher, so it isn't totally boring," senior Ryan Case said.

Although being in advanced math takes extra study time, students still go take the class because it helps them to get ahead.

"Calculus is the hardest math class I've ever taken and I have to work and spend a lot of time on the class," senior Kristian Wood said.

Students who are willing to learn and not afraid to work hard should take the class. Pre-calculus teacher Megan Smith enjoys the students she has in class because they work hard and aren't afraid to make mistakes.

"I enjoy teachers who explain how to work through the problems not just give you the assignment and tell you to do it," Case said.

Students hate the fact that there is homework every night for a class

unless they understand what is going on.

Advanced math teachers always allow students to go in after school for extra help and leave plenty of time during class to ask questions.

"I don't think math is fun but it's a great feeling when something clicks and you get the answer right," Wood said.

The class is challenging but students can learn a lot of things that will benefit their math future. The class also teaches students how to deal with frustration from not understanding a problem to pride when getting an "A" on the test.

"Calculus isn't hard if you understand math but if you don't you will struggle, plus if a day is missed it's hard to catch back up," Case said.

Advanced math classes are weighted and also the topics learned connect with job careers even though students think some things they learn are pointless.

"The worst thing a student can do is fear story problems, don't because math you will use in your future comes from live situations not equations," Smith said.

## Top 5 Math Classes

Integrated 1

Geometry

Integrated 2

Pre-Calculus

Calculus



# Want hands on new experience?

## Biology II is a place to start!



Senior Chantelle Wildt (above), in second period Biology II, measures how long the plant was that she was growing.



Sophomore Shaina Zachery (right) discovers something interesting during Beth Zavala's biology class.



Science teacher Miriam Heuermann (above) demonstrates a lab to her Interactive Science class. Heuermann is also the GSA advisor.

Students that are interested in science and health careers should think about taking Biology II. Students learn about genetics, microbiology, the spreading of human disease and human biology.

"I enjoy Biology II because it's fun having Mr. Hall first period, also I have a lot of friends in the class," junior Hali Dolder said.

Science teacher Eric Hall tries to make class fun by doing activities he is interested in. Also at the end of the year there is a cat dissection that students are required to participate in.

"I was told to take the class by another teacher and I'm glad I did because it's really fun and interesting," sophomore Johnathan Preston said.

There are no requirements to take the class except a student should take biology and chemistry because it helps to prepare them for the course.

"Biology is different than chemistry because it deals with the human body and it's important to know what goes on behind the scenes of our bodies," Dolder said.

To get students interested Hall uses PowerPoints and also does labs that wouldn't be offered in regular biology.

"I enjoy the class because I get to meet new people and it isn't that hard because I took biology first," Preston said.

What some students don't know is that Biology II is a dual credit class and a great way to prepare for college classes.

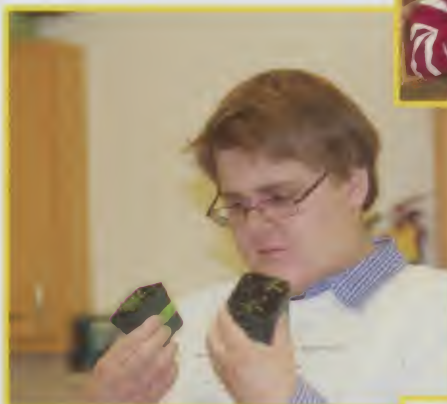
"If someone wants to be in Biology II do it because the class is fun and Mr. Hall makes it interesting plus you can always ask him for help," Dolder said.

To take the class students should be ready to study a lot outside of class and work hard to keep their grades up.

"I enjoy the students I have in class and encourage new people to take the class if they are interested in biology," Hall said.



Senior Zachary Toole and science teacher Eric Hall (above) compare the PREP plants during Biology II. This is Hall's second year participating with the PREP plant project.



Senior Adam Stearns (above) compares his group's plant during Biology II. Stearns is involved in drama and vocal music.

Teacher Julie Goldman (right) helps students in her fifth period class.







Senior Kevin Parker (left) listens and looks at his iPod in Miriam Heuermann's class. Parker also plays basketball.

Freshman Jocelyn Merino (right) gets down at eye level to get the exact measurements during Interactive Science class. Merino is involved in volleyball.



Juniors Nicholas Jessen, Lawrence McLachlan, and senior Jordan Hardin (below) work together during science teacher Miriam Heuermann's class.

Senior Moroni Torres (below) takes notes over a lab during Biology II. Torres is involved in football and track.



## 8 Interesting Facts about Eric Hall

Teaches: Chemistry, Advanced Chemistry, Biology II.

Location in the building:  
Room 218

Advises: National Honor Society and Academic Decathlon

Been teaching: 12 years

Favorite Refreshment:  
Coffee Drinks

Halloween Costume: Pirate

School Spirit: HECK YES...he colored his hair silver

He has a Facebook page



## Why do you like science?



"I enjoy hands on classes and experience not just sitting at a desk and listening to a teacher."

-senior Berina Smajlovic -



"I like the teachers that I've had because they make it fun and interesting."

-sophomore Amy Uhl-



"You learn about how life works and you get to do labs so it isn't so boring."

-junior Erin Wilson-



"You get to do things that normally you wouldn't do like dissect cats and grow mutant plants."

-senior Erika Tyler-



# On Down the Road

## What happens after high school



Senior Tiffany Burkmire works on her 3D design project for Mirium Alshouse's art class. Burkmire is using two of her favorite colors.

Senior year must come to and end. Students are rushing to get all their credits in and doing what they like and want to do. After all of that, what comes next?

For senior Tiffany Burkmire, college is coming easy. Burkmire is studying art but not as a major because of other classes needed.

"I'm studying art in college because it gives me a way to express my self, get my feelings out, have fun and I can be creative. Art means a lot to me because it helps me get some anger out when I'm not in the best mood and my art always reflects that," senior Tiffany Burkmire said.

Burkmire is applying to the University of Iowa to begin her studies. Teachers also help students prepare.

"I help my art students get ready for college by keeping a file on the computer of all their art work, a photo file that can be downloaded."

They will be able to always have it and be able to download their portfolio whenever needed," art teacher Mirium Alshouse said.

Getting everything in order and complete and the impact on family can also stir things up. Although support from family and friends may help motivate them.

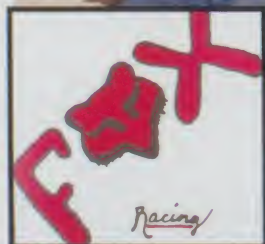
"I think college will be good for Tiffany, it'll keep her out of trouble and keep her in line. If she goes, she goes; but if not then that's her fault. She definitely needs this," her sister Brittany Burkmire, sophomore said.

With all the hectic processes of getting ready for college, and the support from family; inspiration contributes a lot.

"For art, Mr. Wilkerson had inspired me. He was my first art teacher and that's where it all began. My dad also is my inspiration because he inspires me to do the right things and is my biggest role model," Burkmire said.

Senior Carlinda Hedrick (right) works on her picture frame in art class. Hedrick has been working hard and is almost done with her project.

Sophomore Tyler Peeler (below) works on a project for his 3-D design class. This is Peeler's second year in art.



Burkmire's tile (above) is fox racing. This was one project done for 3-D design.



Senior Chris Smith (above) works hard on his 3-D design project. Alshouse allows iPods and other music in her class.

Frankie Washington and Elva Gallvan(left) work hard and joke around in Alshouse's class.

## Tips for success

"Go with what your feelings tell you with your art, because usually it works out right."

-Senior Tiffany Burkmire-

"Goals are reached one step at a time. Put out effort for every goal every day and take those steps to get to your goal."

- Art teacher, Mirium Alshouse -

"Work harder than usual."

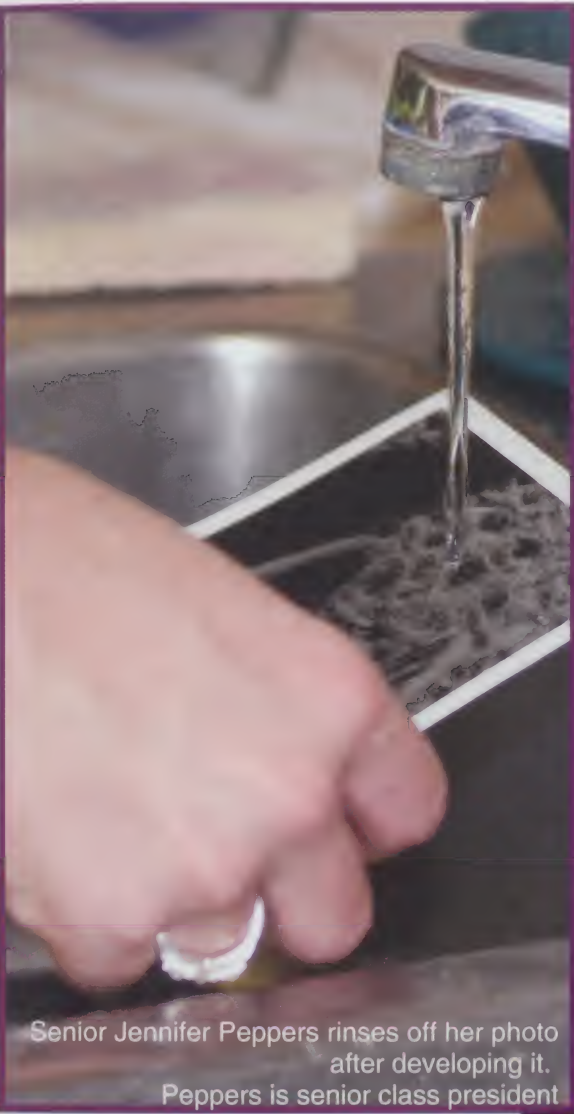
-Sophomore Tyler Peeler-





# PICTURE THIS

From mini-books and film, to developing your own film, photo is for everyone.



Senior Jennifer Peppers rinses off her photo after developing it. Peppers is senior class president

It's a fun class for people to take and to know your memories can be captured just by taking a picture art and photo teacher Patricia Jensen-Bock said. Jensen-Bock has been teaching photography for seven years.

In the class students develop their own pictures. Developing the pictures is my favorite part because it is interesting to see how the pictures that you took turned out.

Sophomore Annie Bach said who is planning on taking photography in college. Some things that the students do in this class is develop film, have lots of creative projects, make photo albums, and take pictures of course.

Some of the picture ideas that they have to do are lines, circles and ovals, textures, buildings, and people.

For the kids that get tired of writing and sitting in desks all day should take this class junior Tyesha Smith said.

This is Bach's and Smith's first year in photography class and they are loving every minute of it.

## Q & A



**Q. What is your favorite part about photography?**

**A.** "Developing the pictures, because it is interesting to see how the pictures that you took turned out."

-Junior Anne Bach-



**Q. What is your favorite part about photography?**

**A.** "Developing the film, because you get to work with chemicals and you get to in a dark room."

-Junior Tyesha Smith-



**Photo and art teacher Patricia Jensen - Bock (above) hands senior Alyssa McNealy her film strip after she scanned it. McNealy is going to digitally alter some of her photos.**

**Sophomore Ashley Neal (top left) develops her film.** She has to do this every 30 seconds. Neal is also a cheerleader and on the bowling team. **Seniors Megan Waters (left) cuts out pieces of her photos to make a mini book.** **Junior Jenna Wilhelm (above) looks through her pictures to decide which one she is going to use for her mini book.** Wilhelm has been in photo for one year.



Photo-Marisol Meza (89)



# Do you know the difference?

"I had to take world history as a freshman and it was difficult, but I succeeded,"  
-sophomore Erin Jones

A common question asked is: Why do I have to take both American and World History?

The answer is because both classes focus on different events from history. While some students complain about history, students like sophomore Erin Jones and junior Valerie Vivian actually enjoy history.

"My favorite part of history is being class president and the group work we do as a class," Vivian said.

The difference is American history focuses on events that happened in America when America was first discovered, for example; constitutional rights, civil rights, freedom of religion, speech, press, and wars. World history focuses on events that happen all over the world.

"What I do different from other teachers is, I focus on current events that relate to events from the past, first year" history teacher James Hill said.

While other teachers start teaching history in order from what starts first to now, Hill doesn't. American history teacher Maureen Murphy likes

to start at the beginning.

Do all history teachers teach both American and World history?

The answer is sometimes. Hill teaches both because its fascinating to find out what makes up the world.

On the other hand, Murphy just teaches American history because that was her major in college and she loves it with a passion. She didn't choose to teach world history because it's a huge section to cover and its extremely hard to learn.

Sophomores have to take world history as they enter high school and take American history as a junior. In the past, freshman had to take world history, but the school board has changed it.

"I had to take world history as a freshman and it was difficult but I succeeded," Jones said.

Hill and Murphy both agreed that you should take world history first as a sophomore and take American history during their junior year.

## What do you do in history class?



Freshman Luis Sanchez (left) gets information from Amber Davidson (middle) and Shelby Faidley (far left).

Freshman Cierra Odum (right) takes notes in World history.



Freshmen Tyler Hawxby (left), freshmen Amber Trimble, and Seth Brown help each other on a World History assignment.



Ben Allen (right) searched through his papers to find his assignment. He was also taking notes that day.



Teacher Amber Davidson and freshman Nicole Morris (left). Davidson is helping Morris on the computer during world history.

Class president of social science teacher Maureen Murphy's seventh period, junior Valerie Vivian (right) spoke to the class during a debate as Chris Wilkerson looks on and listens.







Seniors Diana Green and Zachary Wilhelm take notes while government teacher Steve Koch teaches. Green is also in Koch's homeroom.

Government teacher Steve Koch (right) is one of two government teachers. He stands at the beginning of class telling students what they need to do. Koch is well known for his quote,  
"I'll be there graduation day, will you?"



## What's your favorite part?



"Learning about the laws and how the government works."

-senior Ryan Anderson

"The people I'm in class with because it lets me learn about government and have fun."  
-senior Jessica Cozad



Senior Emily Smith (left) thinks about what the teacher is explaining and takes notes. Seniors Gabriel Long, Jacob Jacobi and Aaron Ginn (bottom left) try to answer questions during class. Senior Marilyn Cowles (below) reads her worksheet and tries to finish with the best answers.



Seniors Erika Tyler, Jessica Cam and Andrea Jones (above) raise their hands in Koch's class.

## "One size doesn't fit all..."

-History teacher Phillip Carlson

"Government is what laws we should make and enforce in our society," government teacher Kirk Stevens said.

This is Stevens first year teaching government; also for Philip Carlson. Students learn about origins, constitutions, the branches of government, the Bill of Rights, political parties, and you look at the U.S.

"I try to make it more interesting by having a lot of stimulations and debates. We also focus on getting involved in elections," Stevens said. Carlson has a transition room so he not only teaches government during his class but other things too, such as sociology and world history.

It is required by the law that students take this class in high school.

"The state feels that it is necessary to have knowledgeable people that know about the laws," Stevens said.

"This is something that has an impact student's lives that they will realize more and more over the years," Stevens said.

"Government needs to be set to create many opinions and get students through, it's not like the saying one size fits all...one size doesn't fit all," Carlson said.



# Vamos a hablar Espanol

## (Let's Speak Spanish)

A foreign language is not required to graduate. So if it's not required, then why do so many people take Spanish or French?

According to *alstutl.com*, Spanish is the native language to over 323 million people. Spanish is the official language of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

According to the same website French is used as the official language of 22 countries and is the co-official language to several others.

So it seems that these two languages are widely spoken not only here in the United States but in the whole world.

"You know what other people are speaking," Nathan Bickel said. Bickel is a junior and is in Spanish III. Bickel takes Spanish because it is "what most of the population is."

Knowing a foreign language is a key part to getting into college or even getting a job.

"It (a foreign language) helps you get out of classes in college," junior Aaron Strom said.

"If a Hispanic comes into a job I'm working at, I'll be able to communicate with them," Strom said.

Junior Jacob Bernholtz would also agree.

"If you want to learn Spanish it's easier to take it here. In college they cram everything in a semester, where we have a year here," he said. Bernholtz uses what he knows about the Spanish language in the real world.

"I used it to talk to some friends at Dahl's (where he works) who don't speak English very well," Bernholtz said.

Knowing the language is a useful tool in life, but do you know what the language thoroughly enough if you are cheating on the tests?

Cheating does go on. It happens on homework, projects, and even tests.

Spanish I and II teacher Terri Dessauer can confirm this. "I've seen students text, use cheat sheets, and copy each other," Dessauer said.

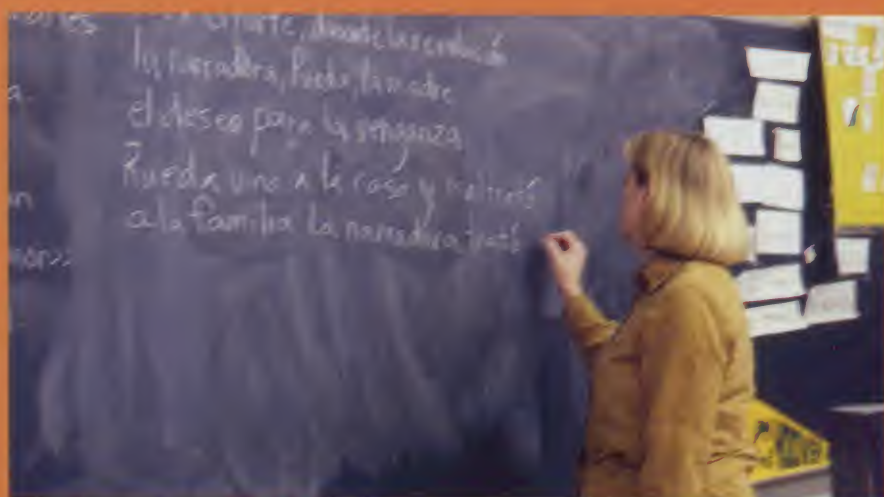
Overall Spanish, French or any foreign language will help students to succeed in college and in life.



Spanish teacher Terry Dessaur goes over a worksheet with her class. Dessaur teaches Spanish I and II.



Junior Corey Lewis relaxes during Beth Eilers' class.



Spanish teacher Mary Dycus writes some notes for her students to copy during class. Dycus teaches Spanish III-V.



Junior Janette Rosas works on an assignment in Mary Dycus' class. Rosas is in Spanish V.



# Parle Un Francois

(Let's Speak French)



Which Foreign  
Language  
Are You Taking?

- ☐ French?
- ☐ Spanish?
- ☐ Other?
- ☐ None?



**Spanish** and French teacher Beth Eilers (top left) reads Dantes while her French III class follows along. Eilers also teaches Spanish. **Junior** Elerick Vazquez (middle left) reads Dantes in French III. Vazquez has been in French for three years and is planning on being in it for one more year. **Sophomore** Basil Vernard (above) asks a question while reading Dantes. **Junior** Patrick Bremhorst (left) packs up before class ends in third period French.

Katie Hawks reads Dante's *Inferno*. The French III class has been reading the book for approximately four weeks.



# Just shut the HECK up

Often students think that being in yearbook is easy. But switch places with the staff; go through what they have to go through.

The criticism which still never gets old: writing questions, interviewing, rough stories, rough pages and final pages. Making a deadline, getting yelled at by the editor for missing a deadline or having to correct a page a million times until it's perfect; it's something that the yearbook staff loves to do, something that makes their high school years fly by.

Many think they know, but honestly they have no idea what goes on behind closed doors.

"No we don't beat them but their are times we want to," senior co-editor Dana Hall said. "Yearbook staff does this to give back to the school, peers and teachers."

Staff members do all of that for the student body. Staff don't have to do this, but if members didn't, what would students have to remember?

"My least favorite part is people complaining about not being in the book, when they

don't do anything to be part of the school," senior Sara Little said.

Students don't understand all the hard work, effort and time yearbook staffers put into this job.

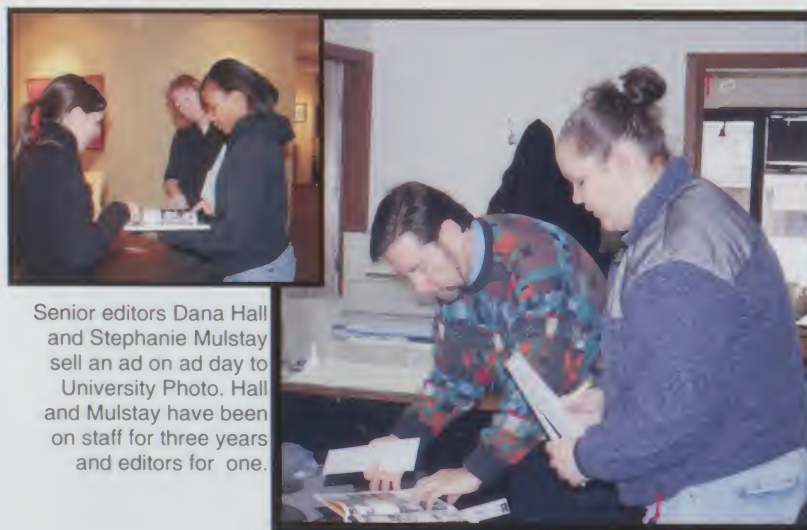
"As editor my job is to decide the cover, the order of the pages, who gets what layout, editing pages, taking pictures, getting advertising, keeping track of deadlines and much, much more," senior co-editor Stephanie Mulstay said.

That's just the editors' point of view. Every person on staff keeps busy and needs to be organized. Staffers have to have a love for journalism and have true dedication.

"Yearbook is so time consuming! I'm in Pilcher's room for at least three periods a day and sometimes lunch! I practically live there," Mulstay said.

A lot of hard work and effort goes toward making a memory book, but staffers make it a fun and friendly environment.

"Ad days are really fun and getting to know new people is what makes yearbook fun," Little said.



Senior editors Dana Hall and Stephanie Mulstay sell an ad on ad day to University Photo. Hall and Mulstay have been on staff for three years and editors for one.

Sophomore Morgan Heintz goes through the 2005-2006 yearbook to show the owner of Dodgen Photography. Dodgen bought a 1/4- page ad. This is Heintz second year on staff.

## Whats is the hardest part about being in yearbook??

The hardest thing is living up to other people's standards, especially when they don't appreciate what we do during class every day. Also it's hard to find angles to focus on because sometimes stories are boring.



senior Sara Little

The hardest thing about yearbook is getting everything done, putting the final touches on the pages to make them complete. Making everything connect together, such as story, pictures and your sidebar.



sophomore Morgan Heintz

The hardest thing about yearbook is it's hard to write stories because it's hard to find a focus and hard to find people to interview.



sophomore Ashley Lawrence

"The hardest thing about yearbook is the deadlines because it's hard to remember the exact dates and to keep up with other classwork and maintain grades in other classes."



sophomore Marisol Meza

"The hardest thing to do is meeting deadlines and remembering what you have to do."



junior Corey Soultzharog

"The hardest part is living up to students' expectations."



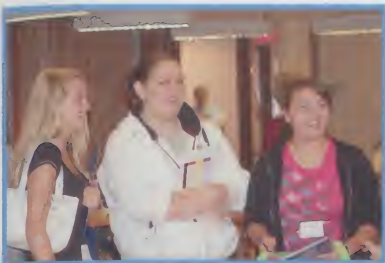
senior Nikki Kemp

"The hardest thing about yearbook is writing the stories and trying to come up with a great story idea."



junior Toccara Ambrose





Sophomores Ashley Lawrence, Morgan Heintz and Marisol Meza (left) laugh at the Drake Conference. All three girls are also on the volleyball team.



**Sophomores** Marisol Meza and Ashley Lawrence sit in the Drake conference. Meza is tired from sitting too long. **Sophomore** Morgan Heintz (below) interviews senior Tiffany Burkmire for a story for art. "(Morgan) does an amazing job," Mulstay said.



**Seniors** Dana Hall and Stephanie Mulstay (above) the two editors, going over and re-designing a page together. Hall and Mulstay have been on staff for three years. **Senior** Sara Little (right) looks at a text message at the Drake Conference. The yearbook staff does more than yearbook; they have fun, too. Little has been on staff for two years. **Senior** Nicole Kemp (bottom right) takes a break at the Drake Conference to catch up on some reading for English. Kemp is the photographer for yearbook. **Junior** Corey Soulinthavong (below) interviews a student for the jobs page. This is Soulinthavong's first year on staff.



STANA  
ak-Stephanie and Dana

"My least favorite part is telling people things they should know and when I go around school taking pictures and people say 'Take a picture of me!' it's really annoying."

Editor Stephanie Mulstay

"My biggest stress is people not getting there stuff done and having to do it when you have tons of other things you could be doing. My least favoirt part is yelling at people and everyone thinking I'm mean."

Editor Dana Hall



Sophomore Ashley Lawrence (above) interviews teacher Kirk Stevens. Lawrence is interviewing Stevens about the government story.



Clockwise: Stephanie Mulstay, Dana Hall, Sara Little, Toccarra Ambrose, Nikki Kemp, Corey Soulinthavong, Marisol Meza, Ashley Lawrence and Morgan Heintz



# Working hard for the DEADLINE

"Students are quick to criticize publication but they have no idea." -Senior Rachael Stern



Senior co-editors Christine Attey and Rachael Stern (above) talk at the Drake Conference Oct. 15. Busy hands (right) are hard at work during second period. Newspaper staff is working hard putting the final touches on the paper.



Senior Rachael Stern (above) receives a first-place trophy for winning on-the-spot writing at Drake. Stern is co-editor of the Challenger

Tanner Buckley (below) goes over his story for the Challenger. This is Buckley's first year on staff; he is also in the band Reckless Generation.



Hoover Publications is a growing program open to anyone who takes journalism and it is a great chance to meet a lot of new people.

The Hoover *Challenger* comes out every two weeks and involves a fair amount of work to produce an 8-12 page paper.

"When people don't get stuff done, I'm scrambling to get it done," senior and co-editor in chief Rachael Stern said. Stern is one of two co-editors of the *Challenger*.

Newspaper has a lot of requirements. Students have to make daily deadlines, sell advertising to financially support the paper, interview numerous people and take constant criticism from the student body.

"I don't think anyone gets enough credit on both staffs. A lot of students are quick to criticize publications, but they have no idea," Stern said.

"I get sick of people bitching about our newspaper; we work hard and don't get enough credit. People don't realize how hard this really is. You might have deadlines, but it's a good experience. Don't just join staff for ad days and goofing off. Come with a passion for journalism," said sophomore Features Editor Payton Quinn.

Edward Rodriguez is a sophomore and this is his first year on staff. Rodriguez is the Entertainment Editor.

"I write articles for the Challenger as well as design the entertainment page; I'm the Entertainment editor," Rodriguez said.

"My least favorite part about being on the newspaper is working really hard on an issue and then seeing people throwing the Challenger away and hearing them talk about how crappy it was," Rodriguez said.

Despite the criticism, the paper has won international awards for the last eight years from the Quill and Scroll Society, the International Honorary Society for High School Journalists. Producing the Challenger takes a lot of dedication from everyone on staff.

"You need to be dedicated and able to devote time," Quinn said.

When the time comes to edit stories, editors are there for that purpose, but they can't do everything.

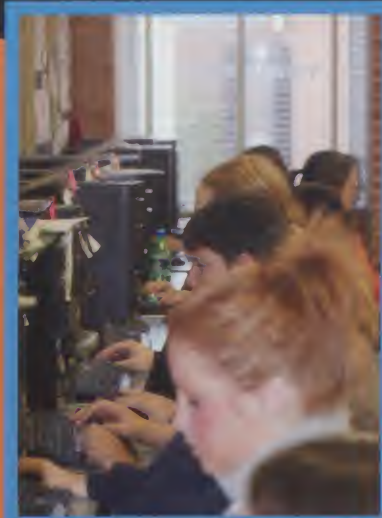
"Editing means everything. If you're not prepared to edit your own work 30 times and then have other people edit it extensively then your writing is going to be crap," Rodriguez said.

"Even though it's hard and demanding, I love it. It's fun and the staff kicks ass," Stern said.





Front row: Alyssa Vogel, Joanna Welter, Bea Rendon; Row 2: Emily Tow, Samantha Ricke, Laura Gates, Rachael Stern, Christine Attey, Peyton Quinn; Last row: Sam Kyker, Tanner Buckley, Edward Rodriguez and Aaron Gottl.



The newspaper staff (above) work hard on the computers for the upcoming issue. Trying to edit and get the paper out on time. The Challenger comes out every two weeks.

Senior Aaron Gottl (left) writes down upcoming basketball games. Gottl has been on staff for two years.

Junior Samantha Ricke (far left) sits in a workshop at Drake; she was acting as the design editor.

Senior Emily Tow (middle left) works on a page in the publications room, also known as Pilch's room.

Seniors Christine Attey, Emily Tow sophomore Edward Rodriguez, junior Samantha Ricke, sophomore Peyton Quinn and senior Aaron Gottl (bottom left) watch and listen to the speaker at Drake.

## Top 5

Reasons to make a deadline

- 1: So your editors don't yell at you.
- 2: You don't drop a letter grade.
- 3: If you miss too many you get kicked out.
- 4: Playing catch up is NEVER fun
- 5: The pride of finishing the paper!



# Someone New in Town

What's it like being the new kid on the **BLOCK?**

With many different types of classes, Industrial Tech is a innovative class to take.

This year there has been a few changes; including new equipment and a new teacher.

The new teacher brings a lot of great new things.

"I enjoy tech ed because I had a good teacher in high school and I enjoyed working with my hands," technical education teacher Jeff Jansen said.

So with a new teacher, the students get a whole new experience and adventure.

"The new teacher is funny and seems to be a pretty cool guy," junior Tyler Peiffer said.

"The new teacher's cool, I like him," senior Tanner Heintz said.

Students are lucky this year, not only with a new teacher but new equipment also. Students have a new computerized metal and and plastic cutter.

"My favorite part of class, is welding and using the plasmacam," Heintz said.

With all these new experiences, students in tech ed are really progressing.

"My most memorable time is seeing students improve and succeed," Jansen said.

So if your wanting an opportunity to work with your hands and have fun in class, the tech ed department is the place for you.



"Metals is a good hands-on working class. The thing I dislike the most is waiting for the machines to be fixed."

junior Tyler Peiffer



My advice to students is to keep working on the job they are asked to do. The hardest part about my job though, is keeping everything up and running and making sure students use the machines safely.

tech ed teacher Jeff Jansen

"I've been in tech ed all four years of school, I'm definitely planning on going into architectural engineering."

senior Tanner Heintz



Sophomore Johnelle Mozee (top left) Works on beginning her box for class. Freshman Christian Kirkpatrick (right) is in the bending process of his project. There are many steps needed in order to make the box. Sophomore Zach Linn (middle left) puts the final touches on his project. Senior Tanner Heintz (middle) uses the welder. Welding is one of Heintz's favorite things to do. Sophomore Shan Ketrell (bottom) gets on the computer in Knee's class. Students can design and make their layout for their projects on the computer.



# GETTING THE FACS

## 'Sew' you wanna cook?

Enjoy cooking or sewing? Well, Family and Consumer Science (FACS) is for you.

FACS is all about sewing and cooking. Students learn the basics for each class.

There are two different classes you can take, one is cooking, taught by Keresten Conn; the other is sewing, taught by Carla Madson.

"In class, I teach students how to apply the knowledge you learn in class, to your everyday life," Conn said.

Other than learning how to cook and doing, students get to get involved and make their own food.

"My favorite part of the whole class is when we get to cook," freshman Tyler Hawxby said.

All students get a hands on feel on what cooking is all about.

"My favorite part is being in the kitchen, in the lab, being hands on because they are the ones making the product," Conn said.

Even if you don't like doing things in the kitchen or working



Sophomore Kenny Smith(left) holds up his fabric for his pajama pants. The pants are Smith's favorite project.

with food, there is always serving.

Also a hands-on class, sewing class is all about having an interest and wanting to learn how to do it, then making something and seeing the outcome.

"Every student has to make pajama pants; from then on out, the students get to choose," Conn said.

In class, students do a variety of things, like worksheet pillows and the pajama pants. With all these activities comes a lot of work.

Students learn the parts of the machine; learn how to sew, put their projects together, finish them and then see the final product.

"The most difficult thing is making the pajama pants because I don't know how to sew," sophomore Kenny Smith said.

With all the hard work, students and teachers all have fun together.

"My favorite thing is to see the students finish a project and helping them do so," Conn said.

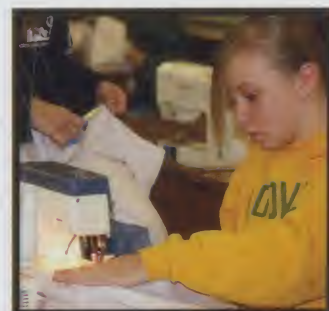
"I have fun in this class because you get to meet new faces," Smith said.



Sophomore James Stafford (above) puts tomatoes in a mixing bowl to begin cooking. Freshman Jody Hughes(below) lines up her fabric and gets ready to start sewing.



Freshman Samantha Zepeda (above) cuts tomatoes in cooking class for their class lab. This is Zepida's first year experiencing FACS class.



Freshman Marisol Rodriguez (left) irons her pajama pants in sewing class. Rodriguez's pants were the smallest in the class.



FACS-Morgan Heintz (97

## SAY WHAT?



"My favorite part about this class is that we get to sew, the best is the pajama pants, and other cool stuff."

-senior  
Esther Chol



"My favorite part of this class is when I got to make my pajama pants."

-sophomore  
Kenny Smith



"I think I will get a better understanding about food and what's good and bad for you."

-freshman  
Tyler Hawxby



# WHY? WHY? WHY...

## ... should I take it?

People take business and computer classes for many different reasons. Students learn how to use the different programs, including Windows Front Page, Microsoft Word, and Microsoft Excel.

"I think that this class is important because it keeps you up to date with technology," freshman Ashley Johnson said.

Quite a few students sign up for business and computer classes.

In business law, students take notes over the court system and laws, including whether a person should be tried and what laws are right or wrong.

"I wanted to take this class because I am probably going into this field of work. I am also getting a

lot of knowledge about court systems and criminal acts," junior Josh Engelken said.

"I like that you kind of get to work at your own pace," Johnson said.

For some people this could have an effect on what they do in their future.

"It gives you an insight on what you could do, and it shows everyone what could happen," Engelken said.

Business class can help you learn special skills for college and even after college.

"Business class can change what people choose to do as a job or career," sophomore Joe Rhodes said.

"I think that if you don't have certain computer skills there are certain jobs that you won't be able to get," Johnson said.



**Senior Paublo Sanchez** (above) listens patiently to Rick Hammons give him directions. **Senior Greg Dang** (left) quietly works on a project during computer class. **Senior Arturo Rodriguez-Campos** and freshman **Phong Nguyen** (below) think hard about what to next on their assignments in Rick Hammen's class.



Senior Tom Foster listens to music during computer class, but still keeps up with his work in computer teacher Rick Hammen's class.



Freshman Mallorie Wood (above) works hard to finish up a project in class. Wood is also involved in cheerleading.



"I think that if you don't have certain computer skills there are some jobs that you won't be able to get."

-Freshman Ashley Johnson



# Joy-ous music is made

## Senior Nathan Joy gets support from fellow singers

It is a very big accomplishment to make it to the All-State music festival. All the people that pass the auditions to get in the all-state music festival get two days to get ready then they perform in Ames.

Senior Nathan Joy auditioned this year and he made it. Joy is involved in both Chamber Choir and Harmony.

"I think that Nathan totally deserved this and I am glad that he got the opportunity," junior Bea Rendon said. Rendon sings for the concert choir.

"I was very excited when Nathan made it in. I was part of his trio during auditions; Nathan got right in and I got a second chance at it," senior Alex Deeter said.

"I have been singing for three years now," Joy said.

"I don't just sing at school but I practice at home for about a half hour to 45 minutes every day," he said.

Joy had friends that pushed him to join. "I started singing because Steven Crane and Alaina Andorf made told me that it was the coolest thing ever," he said.

Now I really enjoy doing it and I'm pretty good at it, too," Joy said.

"The best part about singing is that it is different because you don't really have to be good at it," Joy said.

"I am very proud of Joy," Rendon said.

"It's a lot of work singing with large groups. I meet a lot of new people and it pulled me out of my comfort zone. My advice is just to try hard because it could be a great experience," Joy said.



**Mixed choir** (above) sings at the choir and orchestra concert. There are four types of singing groups. Elisabeth Thomas, Melissa Turner, Shanell Collins singing at the Vocal Music Concert



**Seniors** Alex Deeter, Joe Ghormley, Adam Beaves and Nathan Joy (left) sing at the choir/ and orchestra concert. All are a part of Chamber choir. **Senior** Eden Stokka, junior Alicia Finch and Bea Rendon (above) sing at their annual choir and orchestra concert. **The girls** are part of Chamber Choir as well.



### MIXED CHOIR

Front Row: Alyssa Dickhoff, Andrea Bailey, Kylie Van Houten, Allison O'Braza.

Row 2: Alex Deeter, Christiana Anthony, Kristine Chambers, Aida Hadzic, Melissa Rote, Daeneen Green.

Back row: Colt Brendixon, Anya Peters, Lizzie Thomas, Jessie Christenson, Alicia Fitch, Jessica Chapman, Mackenzie Bright, Mikyla Bright.



### HARMONY

Front row: Steven Crane, Shaun Knapp, Nathan Joy, Adam Beeves.

Back Row: Alex Deeter, Alicia Fitch, Alaina Andorf, Elizabeth Elliott.



### CHAMBER CHOIR

Front Row: Steven Crane, James Smith, Nathan Joy, Jason Reichenbacher, Allison O'Braza, Adam Beeves.

Back row: Alex Deeter, Gavin Gallegos, Shaun Knapp, Alicia Fitch, Cloe Gamble, Alaina Andorf, Elizabeth Elliott.

### HEART AND SOUL

Front row: Jasmine Hayes, Melissa Turner, Gorstina Bargblor. Back row: Aleshia Smith, Lizzie Thomas, Alexis Edwards, Helen Burdine.



# Changing the Beat



Marching band practices their attentive form. The band has morning practice at 7 a.m. every day during marching season.



Marching band plays together at a home football game. Memorizing songs and pictures for marching is hard work for the band members.



Juniors Becca Leffler and Kylie Good (above) stand outside practicing flags. Leffler and Good are in the band but are flag squad during the marching season. Sophomores Nick Ahrens, Alex Murdock and Micheal Bell (right) sit in class and play their instruments. They are all in the trumpet section playing the same music.



(above) First Row- Devon Henderson, Carolyn Thorn, Nathan Bickel, Max Parks, Tanner Shaw, Joe Ghormley, Drew Davis, Taylor Atchison, Andrew Lamb, Chad Nelson, William Bolte and Kristin Hukill.  
Second Row- Drew Foster, Ashley Foreman, Maggy Quernemoen, Alyssa Gourd, Logan Sanders, Allan Lynch, Alex Murdock, Ian Pierson, Michael Bell, Sam Duncan, Nick Ahrens, Brenna Carlson, Kathleen Hawks, Dan Oswald, Gavin Gallegos, Brian Oswald, Kiana Roppe, Eden Stokka, Elizabeth Bourland and Stephanie Quernemoen.  
Third Row- An Le, Anna Swan, Jena Smith, Mallorie Sims, Kelsey Jespersen, Hannah Bixby, William Rotza, Adam Stearns, Casey Clark, Catherine Delay, Sydney Johnson, Sarah Jleinhesselink, Beth Nations, Kassie Brown, Emily Young, Mallory Wood, Cassie Tant, Ashley Johnson, Jocelyn Merino and Brittany Figueroa.  
Fourth Row- Kayleigh Wren, Courtney McNeeley, Alayna Bailey, Leslie Millard, Amber Dingman, Krista Nelson, Parker Wolfe, Emily Dungan, Amber Anderson, Aaron Homard, Anthony Nelson, Laurah Mwirichia, Max Wissler, Kyle Utke, Brian Dingman, Viana Nguyen, Joe Rhodes, Chad Nelson, Alyssa McNeeley, Elizabeth McInroy, Mallory Stites, Kylie Good and Becca Leffler.





The entire band gets ready to start practice in the band room. Students talk until one of the directors gets up on the podium, then the room is quiet.

# From walking the field to playing the stage

## Must Have's

- 1) Instrument
- 2) Music
- 3) Proper mouth piece or reed for your instrument
- 4) Patience
- 5) The will to want to play and try.

From marching to playing on stage, being a band member is a lot of work.

Marching band is a challenge because the members have to remember music, pictures and keep the beat.

"Marching takes patience and focus," sophomore Parker Wolfe said. At the beginning of the school year, band members have to wake up early and be in the band room, ready to go, by 7 a.m. As soon as it is 7, the band members go outside and practice marching.

"My dislikes about marching are that we have to get up early," freshman Sam Duncan said. The morning practices usually go until first hour is over.

Waking up early, remembering things needed for band; that's a lot of work. On top of that, it's important to keep the correct footwork and formation without falling.

"Marching can be very tiring, especially when you are doing it right. When your shins hurt, you're marching right," sophomore Alyssa Gourd said.

Although marching band is hard work, after the season's over, the work starts all over again.

Making the transition from marching

band to concert band can be a big change for some.

"Marching and concert band are different because you switch from fast music to all kinds," junior Casey Clark said.

"Sometimes you switch instruments and play more musically."

Concert band is more laid back than marching band.

Making the transition from marching to concert band makes the band members a lot happier.

"No more 7 am practices, instead its just first hour that we practice," Clark said.

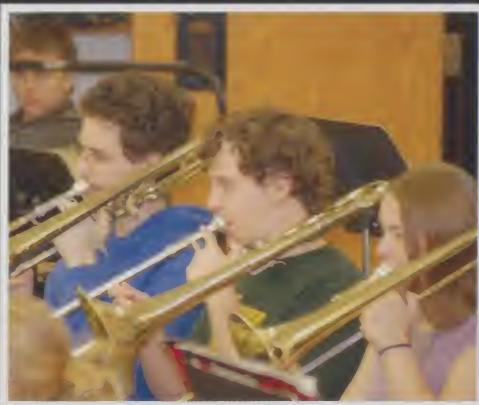
"Concert band is a lot easier than marching," Wolfe said. Although it may be easier, working hard is always best.

"Concert band is still difficult because we spend more time on music, so we have to be better. I don't think it's laid back because we are all always working to do our best, no rests in band," Gourd said.

Even though concert band is just sitting and playing, it takes a lot of work to produce good music and tone. Whether it's marching, or sitting and playing, producing music is what it's all about.



The percussion and clarinet sections are lined up on the field. They march and play, impressing the crowd.



Seniors Chad Nelson, Ben Hawks and Kristin Hukill (above) are up and ready to play. They have been in band all four years.



The band plays for the crowd at a home football game. They are standing in formation and are ready to play.



# Sound of music

"It takes a lot of hard work, commitment and practice to become first chair in orchestra," senior Aaron Gottl said. Gottl will be attending Iowa State next year and majoring in music.

"When getting to first chair, you don't automatically stay there, you may be challenged by another student," Gottl said. "It is important to keep working hard in order to maintain your position."

Sophomore Daniel Waller is

currently in fourth chair for the violin.

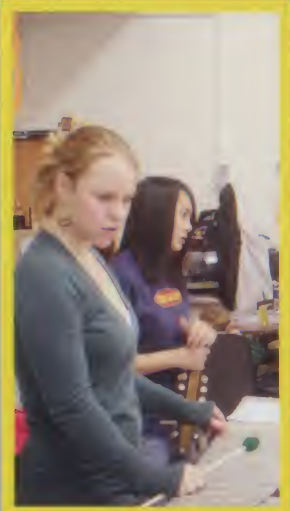
Waller has been playing the violin for six years, and was inspired to play because of his parents (and it looked cool!).

"Being second chair in orchestra is not a huge step down from first chair," Gottl said. "It's just a chair away and it still shows that you are a hard worker."

"It also means that you've worked hard, and you practice a lot, and you are just as good," sophomore Ashley Neal said.



Orchestra teacher Lisa Fried (top) conducts at the concert. Fried has been teaching at Hoover for four years. **Junior** Ashley Machamer plays the viola and sophomore David Mathews plays the cello. They did this at the first concert, which was held Oct. 23 in the auditorium.



**Freshman** Devon Henderson and Junior Nathan Bickel (above) practice in first period. They are playing the french horn. **Freshman** Amber Anderson (left) playing the bells in first period symphony. Anderson is also involved with swimming and basketball, she usually plays the drums in band.



**Sophomore** Michael Neal and freshmen Trayveon Lewis (above) adjust their cellos for the next song. Senior Hilary Pierson (above), and orchestra teacher Lisa Fried are playing the violins, and senior Hannah Allen is playing the cello.



Senior Hilary Pierson and teacher Lisa Fried (above) play the violin at the NHS induction ceremony.



Freshman Dakota Bakkie, Trayveon Lewis, and sophomore Michael Neal stand (above) for an applause after performing at the concert.



Senior Hannah Allen (above) plays the cello during the NHS Induction Ceremony. Allen is also involved in NHS.





Freshman Dakota Bakkie plays the viola, freshman Trayveon Lewis plays the playing the cello, sophomore Michael Neal (above)also plays the cello at the orchestra concert.



Freshman Nicholas Ghormley (above) plays the bass in the concert. This is Ghormley's first year.



Senior Aaron Glynn (above) plays the violin at the orchestra concert on Oct.23. Glynn is also in NHS.



Orchestra teacher Lisa Fried looks into the crowd at the orchestra concert.



First period symphony (orchestra and band) practice for their upcoming vocal music and orchestra concert Dec. 17.



Senior Kaitlyn Rooney (above) playing the violin, Rooney has been in orchestra for three years, and is also a swimmer.



Front row: Kathryn Stites, Jolinn Nguyen, Ashley Neal, Sophia Morris, Kaleah Plain, Elizabeth Etter, Hilary Butler, Amanda Fordyce, Madison Sconiers; Back row: Micheal Neal,Trayveon Lewis, Aaron Gottl, Daniel Waller, Theodore Mathews, Christopher Neal, Dakota Bakkie, Thao Pham, Bryne Berry, Ashley MaChamer, Aaron Glynn, Hilary Pierson, Ethan Olson, Hannah Allen, Nicholas Ghormley.



# More than just a class

Physical Education is more than just a game; it also attracts people from different interests. In P.E. they have a different unit every two weeks.

"My favorite activity in P.E. is soccer," freshman Jonathon Kline said. Kline also plays soccer outside of school.

Some students prefer P.E. over any other elective classes.

"Sometimes I prefer it over my other electives because it is different from just sitting and learning; you get to be active," sophomore Amy Uhl said.

For others, they prefer their electives over P.E.

"I don't feel like I really get anything out of it, it's just fun," junior Dalton Jacobus said.

Students get along with each other during P.E., even if they aren't necessarily friends.

"Through the team activities you learn to get along," Uhl said.

People take P.E. for many different reasons.

"I take P.E. because it's fun," Kline said.

"I take P.E. because it is required," Jacobus said.

It is now a requirement for students to take P.E. for all four years, but only one semester a year.

"I think it sucks that we have to take it all four years of high school. It would be better to take it both semesters for two years to get it over with, but it is also good to have to take it every year because it keeps you in shape all throughout high school," Uhl said.

"Sometimes it's different from just sitting and learning; you get to be active,"

- sophomore Amy Uhl



Junior Patrick Bremhorst (above) gets settled on some work out equipment in P.E. teacher Jon Means' class. P.E. teacher Haywood Boston (below) gives his class instructions on proper techniques for playing pickle ball. Boston is also the coach of the girls Varsity basketball team.



Sophomore Amy Uhl (top) plays football during free time. Freshman Reggie White (left) dunks while playing basketball. White is also on the basketball team. Junior Dalton Jacobus (above) swings at the ball while playing pickle ball during third period gym class.



Freshmen Jonathon Kline gets the ball so he can continue his game of pickle ball. Kline also plays soccer and runs cross-country.



## "P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. is not that much different from regular P.E."

Stephanie Mondon, junior

"In P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. you can be yourself and not be judged, unlike in regular P.E. if you do something dumb or weird you get laughed at or made fun of, but in here you don't," junior Stephanie Mondon said.

Mondon has been taking this class for two years now.

Mondon has a lot of fun in this class and enjoys it. Special education teacher Cynthia Grandquist and associate Paula Riesel are sponsors for P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E.; Grandquist is the sponsor for Best Buddies as well.

Some activities that participants do in P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. is volleyball "which we make up our own version of it," Mondon said, "and basketball.

"My favorite activity is playing volleyball," junior Haley Schnicker said.

"Helping a special education class you learn patients and self respect," Schnicker said. Who likes to help the students with disabilities?

Sometimes it can be difficult to learn the disabilities although the class is fun.

"P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. is not that much different from regular P.E. you still play sports like volleyball, basketball, soccer, e.t.c.

"Helping a special education class is very rewarding and it's just like any other P.E. class to me," Mondon said.

Some may think working with the handicap students would be difficult, but it's really not. If students want to get involved and help other students P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. is a great class to take.



Fourth period P.E.O.P.E.L. P.E. class (far left) plays a game of basketball to help stay active. Junior Whitney Woodyard (left) waits for her partner to finish rolling so she can go next. Senior Tarah Hunter tries to block sophomore Derrick Palm from passing the ball to his teammate. Hunter participated in the talent show this year by reading a poem she wrote.



Seniors Tarah Hunter and Jacob Cook play a dice game with their partners during fourth period P.E.O.P.L P.E.



Junior Stephanie Mondon tries to get the ball off the backboard (right). Junior Whitney Woodyard (above) tries to stop freshmen Carlos Gordon from making a basket



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- Junior Stephanie Mondon



# CluBs

Clubs range from simple after school leisure activities to fully-involved group projects that takes a lot of commitment and effort. Clubs can define dedicated and hardworking students. Many have come and gone, but most are here to stay. Best Buddies, Environmental, NHS, NCYL, Gamers, French club, The RAVE,

step team, S.P.I.R.I.T., Thespians, Dance Club, Knitting, Senior Board, G.S.A and Spanish club are just a few. Being involved and running that extra mile can make all the difference in the world. **YOU THINK YOU KNOW WHAT IT TAKES TO STAY INVOLVED BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA.**



Clockwise: **Senior** Jolie Monroe writes down upcoming activities as the rest of the RAVE group brainstorms. **Senior** Eden Stokka plays the piano and sings during the talent show. Eden is also involved in Choir. The step team performs at an assembly. This year the step team performed at many basketball games and assemblies. **Sophomore** and GSA member Stephen Boatwright makes a Valentine's Day card for meals on wheels. Every year math teacher Maribeth Newman donates blankets to the homeless shelter. **Senior** board members listen while a senior board meeting takes place in the small gym. Vice Principal Mel Green is in charge of senior board. **Students** from the Environmental club work together to dig a hole for a tree. This was the Environmental clubs biggest project. **Sophomores** Kylie Van Houten and Allison O'Braza dance in the large gym during Octoberfest. This is sponsored by Best Buddies every year.







Sophomore Bernice Nava-Romero (left) practice the dance for the diversity assembly. Freshmen Alan Vasquez, Tim Lettler and junior Zach Colbert (below) play Halo 3 after school in the cafeteria. Andrew Jordan is the advisor for the Gamers club.

Senior Chantelle Wildt (above) attaches the poles to her tent at Reggie's sleepout. Wildt was inducted into NHS Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Seniors Hillary Pierson, Stephen Crane and Aaron Glynn (right) form a Y for NCYL. NCYL students spelled out NCYL for fun. The dance team (below) performs their routine during a basketball game.

Senior Bridgette Andrews (middle below) helps senior Jasmine Hayes fill out the card for her candy cane gram. Best Buddies sponsored this fundraiser and delivered them on Valentine's Day.



Librarian Pam Pilcher (above) helps senior Ester Chol with her knitting. Knitting club meets every Thursday. Senior Sam Kyker (left) acts dramatic as seniors Kendra Swanson and Adam Beaves go over a skit. This is for the Thespians club. Senior board members (middle left) listen while advisor Mel Green goes over a list of things to do. Senior Jasmine Hayes (far left) dances to a routine during half time of a boys basketball game.



# Best Buddies *Forever*

*Buddies work to overcome stereotypes*

Best, Best Buddies. Best, Best Buddies. B-U-D-D-I-E-S..B-U-D-D-I-E-S Best, Best Buddies. Best, Best Buddies. That would be the Best Buddies cheer.

According to [bestbuddies.org](http://bestbuddies.org), Best Buddies is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing opportunities for one-to-one friendships and integrated employment.

Senior Nikki Kemp is the president of Best Buddies for her chapter. Every chapter has a president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and buddy director.

Kemp has been in Best Buddies for four years and this is her second year as president. "Best Buddies is a club that offers many different fun activities to do including October Fest, Pennies for Patients, Johnston v. Hoover basketball game (Best Buddies night)," Kemp said.

Best Buddies also does fundraiser to help the school chapter.

"Being in Best Buddies is a great experience, you meet a lot of new people and make new friends," Kemp said. "We actually did fundraisers for our selves," Kemp said.

Sophomore Melissa Rote is the Buddy Director for the chapter. Around the country they have Best Buddies in Middle School, High School and College.

Although Best Buddies offers a lot a great opportunities it can be hard to be in charge.

"Coming up with good ideas," Rote said is the most difficult part but the fact that she gets to "decided what activities they do" is fun.

The chapter meets on the first monday of every month.

Part of being an officer is deciding when the chapter will meet and when they will do certain activities.

"Being able to make decisions and making the t-shirts," Kemp said is her favorite part of being the president.

## voices from the crowd

What is your favorite part about Best Buddies?

Senior Ellie Riordan

"Basically how you get to meet new people."



Sophomore Melissa Rote

"Hanging out with my buddy."



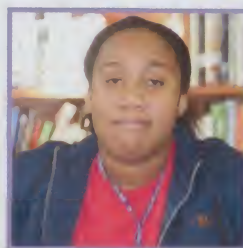
Senior Jacob Cook

"How you get to form relationships and have fun."



Sophomore Felicia Reece

"Talking to people and hanging out."



Senior Jay Lageson

"Buddy lunches and parties."



Senior Calandra Hare

"Meeting new people and making new friends."



Seniors Emily Nation and Stephanie Mulstay sell candy cane grams at second lunch. Nation and Mulstay are vice presidents. Nation has been in Best Buddies for four years; Mulstay has been in Best Buddies for three years. This is the first year that Best Buddies has sold candy canes as a fundraiser.



Seniors Berina Smajlovic and Bridgette Andrews (above) goof around before the chapter meeting in the library.

Senior Jacob Cook and sophomore Matthew Dicks write down their scores from their dice. Cook has been in Best Buddies for three years.

108) Best Buddies- Dana Hall and Stephanie Mulstay





At the October Fest: Romney Tree, Lucy Rodriguez, Kylie Van Houten, Katie King, Melissa Rote, Allison O'Braza, Ellie Riordan, Nikki Kemp, Stephanie Mulstay, Emily Nation, Jake Powley, Alexandria Reif, Jake Leonard, Stephen Crane, Gaberial Long, Drew Foster, Alex Deeter, Sara Little and Jacob Cook.

Senior Nikki Kemp (left) helps principal Doug Wheeler cover up before he receives his pie. Kemp is the Best Buddies president and has been in it since her freshman year. Kemp is also active in Silver Cord, bowling and soccer, and is on the Prom decorating committee.



Senior Jake Powley shows sophomore Alexandria Reif his shirt at October Fest. This is Reif's first year in Best Buddies. Powley joined Best Buddies after a motocross accident that left him in a wheelchair.



Junior Katherine Keiter holds a pie as she gets ready to put it in principal Doug Wheeler's face. Keiter donated \$10 to help Wheeler win the pie. Keiter had been in Best Buddies since eighth grade.

From left: Senior and Best Buddies president Nikki Kemp helps stack chairs after the annual October Fest. Kemp is also involved with soccer, yearbook and bowling. Senior Drew Foster reads palms in the hallway to the big gym. Foster is also in drama. Faculty Lounge, a band consisting of educators from the Des Moines' area, rock out at October Fest. Publications adviser Timm Pilcher plays guitar in the band. Students from arera schools gather around a treat table that was field with candy and cookies. October Fest was held Oct. 28.



Best Buddies: Dana Hall and Stephanie Mulstay (109)



S.P.I.R.I.T. group tries to bring everyone together.

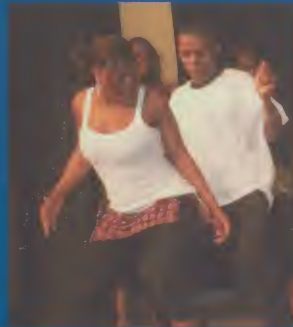
"One of the major things that we have done so far is that we've written letters saying 'Happy Holidays' around Christmas time to people around the neighborhood", junior Sulejman Atajic said.

"Some of the goals for the S.P.I.R.I.T. group in the future is to have everyone become one," senior Michelle Zimmerman said.



**Seniors** Bridgette Andrews, sophomore Alexis Andrews and senior John Mozee (above) do a skit for the S.P.I.R.I.T. assembly Mar. 7.

**Juniors** Fatama Kamara and Marwan Yugusik (below) dance an African dance at the diversity assembly.



**Seniors** Matthew Nanto, Margaret Anthony, and Andrew Ched anticipate a busy night at the annual leadership conference. The conference will hold its 20th **Freshman** class banquet, junior Pastor Day, sophomore senior panel discussion, Veterans' Day celebration, night pass for a regional soccer, and a night theme presentation on the following assembly. From left - C.R.P. members Anthony, Nanto, and Ched are standing in the foreground, smiling.



"When we all get together and discuss the problems that are going on in the school. People should be able to give different ideas so that we can help solve the problems in different ways."



Junior Christiana Anthony



Front row: Krystonna Little, Qiana McCurn, Shyloh Crawford, Daeneen Green, and Darian Stevens. Back row: Kenneth Washington, Tyesha Smith, Debbie Caldwell, Jasmine Hayes, Chané Brooks, and Laron Wilson.



The step team lines up during their routine at a pep assembly. During this assembly the cheerleaders and step team performed.

# WORKING JUST AS HARD

## Step team speaks out

The step team is made up of dancers and drummers but they don't get much time to show their talent and commitment to school.

"I feel like we got cheated with the amount of time we get to perform," senior Chané Brooks said.

The team practices two or three times a week for three hours and also a half hour before performances. Being in the step team gives students more respect throughout the school with students and teachers.

"I'm glad to be a part of the step team because it makes me want to come to school and everyone gets along like one big family," senior Jasmine Hayes said.

Hayes and Brooks are captains of the step team which means they come up with the dance steps and free style for the rest of the team.

Junior Laron Wilson, along with the other drummers, picks the music and the routine falls together.

"I think the step team is better at performing because you can see the talent behind us with the rhythm and coordination we have together," Brooks said.

Students in the step team enjoy performing in front of people and knowing they work hard is important to them but they would like to have more recognition.

"It makes me mad knowing we don't get as much time performing during games because we work hard," Hayes said.

During their practices they run, stretch, and dance like the cheerleaders but their dancing is more rhythmic. For their tryouts, members have to memorize a routine and do some of their own freestyle.

"If you want to be a part of the step team you should practice hard because it takes a lot of time and commitment," Hayes said.

## GET WITH THE RHYTHM

- ★ The step team practices two to three times a week for three hours.
- ★ The step team performs at assemblies and basketball games.
- ★ The step team makes up their own dances and decides what music flows with the beat.
- ★ The step team designs their own outfits every year.
- ★ The step team is made up of dancers and drummers.
- ★ For tryouts members have to memorize dances and also free style.



Seniors Kenneth Washington and Debbie Caldwell (above) perform at the winter sports assembly. This is Caldwell's second year on the step team and Washington's first.



Seniors Madison Sconiers, Jasmine Hayes, and Chané Brooks free style at the winter sports assembly. Hayes and Brooks come up with the dances for the team.



Junior Aaron Holmes plays the bass drum at the winter sports assembly. This is Holmes's first year on the step team. He and the other drummers decide what music goes with the dancing.



Junior Laron Wilson (above) plays the drums at the winter sports assembly. He also drums for the Isisserettes dance team. Wilson is also involved in football and wrestling.



Junior Tyesha Smith and freshman Krystonna Little follow the line during practice. The step team practices two or three times a week in the lunch room.



Senior Madison Sconiers (left) shows off the new step team uniforms. This is Sconier's first year of the step team. Each year the step team designs their own uniforms.



# National Council on Youth Leadership

To be a part of National Council on Youth Leadership (N.C.Y.L.) it is required to have a 3.5 grade point average and to be a senior.

Juniors need to keep up their grades and get involved if they want to join N.C.Y.L.

"It's fun," senior Bridgette Andrews said.

Seminars are held to meet with other N.C.Y.L. members, work on leadership skills and solve issues of youth, and are just some of the interesting things that the students do.

"Being in N.C.Y.L. says to me that I am a prominent leader," senior Devlin Hogans said.

Kitty Olsen, along with Dean of Students Fran Graziano, is in charge of the N.C.Y.L. program. Graziano has been involved in this program for two years.

"I think a leader who is someone who makes good decisions even if no one is watching," senior Laurah Mwirichia said.



## Let's get to know him

Senior Tahaun Fountain is an active student. He is involved in football, track, science bound and NHS. He is active at his church and works at Finish Line in his spare time. "Even though I work at a shoe store I'm not a shoe freak; I buy about three pairs of shoes a year: one for school, Homecoming and Winter Formal," Fountain said. He plans on attending Iowa State University or Boise State in Idaho to play football, major in graphic design and minor in game design or sports science. Fountain is active in his community and feels, "It's good, people should do it just to help out with school and you should do it to help others and not be selfish." Just like every student Fountain has many dislikes and likes about school. Some of his favorite parts are lunch, computer class, dances and "basketball game crowds are great." dislikes such as grades. "I don't see how you could grade someone," Fountain said.



Senior Tahaun fountain (above) walks out onto the field before the big game against Roosevelt.



Senior Sam Kyker (top) stands to answer a question during a leadership conference at Drake. Seniors Bridgette Aandrews, Laurah Mwirichia, Kristian Wood, Stephanie Mulstay, Carlinda Hedrick, Hilary Pierson, Stephen Crane, Aaron Glynn, Sam Kyker and Gabe Long (above) shape their bodies to spell out NCYL Senior Bridgette Andrews (left) shows here enthusiasm at a leadership conference. Andrews is also involved in S.P.I.R.I.T.



Front row: Stephanie Mulstay, Carlinda Hedrick, Laurah Mwirichia, Tahaun Fountain, Steven Crane. Back row: Bridgette Andrews, Madison Sconiers, Sam Kyker, Kristian Wood, Leslie Millard, Hillary Pierson, Aaron Glynn, Gabe Long. Not pictured Devlin Hogans.



# Truly an honor

NHS is an accomplishment for students and a step toward their future.

National Honors Society (NHS) was founded 75 years ago and student still live the traditions, being inducted, volunteering in the community, having a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and having two letters of recommendation.

"I enjoy being part of NHS because I volunteer in the community and get good grades. It's a good feeling of accomplishment knowing that I do good things and get recognized for it," senior Sara Halverson said.

NHS participates in a program called Holiday Hugs where they give presents to homeless children and they also raise money for homeless families.

"I think volunteering is great and it prepares you for real world experience and gives you a chance to look into careers," senior Jenny Nguyen said.

Students receive recognition for the work they do inside and outside of school and there are no special skills required to be in the activity. NHS isn't known as well as other clubs throughout school but students receive an application with a due date.

"I got a letter telling me that I could be in NHS so I filled it out and hoped that I'd get in. I didn't get in my junior year because I didn't have enough volunteering hours so I tried again my senior year and got in," Halverson said.

Members of NHS also have a voice because they get to vote for their president, vice president, and ect. Not everyone who fills in their application gets into NHS, a group of five teachers review the nomination packets and decide who meets the criteria.

"Students can learn what makes a good leader and how to make good decisions as a large group," advisor Eric Hall said.

Volunteering in the community shows that a student wants to serve their community and are willing to help others without getting paid.

"I enjoy volunteering because it helps you with a lot of skills such as time management and it makes you feel good," Halverson said.

Students are also inducted into NHS with a ceremony where they are introduced to the group.

"It's a formal way to say welcome to the organization and it's away for family and friends to be apart of the process," Hall said.

NHS lets students know that volunteering is a good thing and that hard work does pay off, whether you make it the first time it's still a step further to reaching a bigger goal.

From left: Seniors Amina Kader and Jamie Spina work together to decorate their box in green and gold. Seniors Katie Taylor, Hilary Pierson and Bea Rendon talk before setting up their box. Junior Matthew Muldoon and advisor Eric Hall gather with others to stay warm and enjoy Reggie's Sleepout.



Junior Hall Dolder (above) makes her bed inside her dinosaur decorated box. Dolder really enjoyed the decorating contest and brought plenty of blankets. This is Dolder's first year in NHS.



Senior Amanda Acney (above) sets up her box at Reggie's Sleepout. This is Acney's first year in NHS. A box decorating contest was held for the event.

## Do you meet the criteria?

- ★ 3.5 Cumulative GPA
- ★ Volunteer in the community
- ★ Be involved in school
- ★ Two group service projects
- ★ Two letters of recommendation



Seniors Amina Kader, Jenny Nguyen, Katie Taylor and Hilary Pierson talk about upcoming events. NHS has meetings once a month at 7 a.m.



(Front to back) Steven Crane, Laura Mwirichia, Katherine Taylor, Amina Kader, Chase Anderson, Jamie Spina, Carlinda Hedrick, Nicole Kemp, Alex Deeter, Jessica Cam, Katie Zenz, Elizabeth Hewitt, Emily Tow, Berina Smajlovic, Jenny Nguyen, Hilary Pierson, Kylie Good, Ashley Machamer, Beatrice Rendon, Emily Harmon, Abajok Wal, Sara Halverson, Evelina Beganovic, Christopher Smith, Hannah Allen, Madison Sconlers, Chantelle Wildt, Jolie Monroe, Nhu Le, Katie Lovan, Leslie Millard, Abby VanDerBeek, Beth Nations, Aaron Glynn, Kristene Dontje, Becca Leffler, Kylie Burr, Samantha Ricke, Alyssa McNeeley, Tahaun Fountain, Stephanie Davis, Alexander LeRoy, Moroni Torres, Devlin Hogans, Ayad Yousif, Dalton Jacobus, Matthew Muldoon, Meredith Westberg, Amanda Hicks, Bryne Berry and Thao Pham.



# wHy sO odD?

Random clubs include Gamers club, Thespians, Abstinence club, 'The Reason' Bible club and Dance

Odd is defined at dictionary.com as "differing in nature from what is ordinary, usual, or expected." Such clubs include Gamers club, the Thespians and the Comic Book club.

The Gamers club is about getting together and playing games. The club was started in August and has grown much since. There is no specific number of members. The club plays any and every type of game, from Dungeons and Dragons to card games and Halo 3.

Another is 'The Reason' Bible club. This particular club is held for both Hoover and Meredith students. The club reads about the Bible and discusses what they think God is trying to say.

The word "thesplan" is defined as "of or relating to drama." Many of the members of the club are actors or have something to do with the drama department.

The club watches movies and discusses acting and how they can be better at it.

The president of the club is Sam Kyker.

Thespians are about the actors and all the people that are apart of all the drama productions.

"Part of the reason we're an odd club is the variety of people," LeRoy said. "Like in Art club you mainly have artistic types, while in Gamers club you get anyone who likes to play games," he said.

"I don't think there is such thing as odd clubs," Colbert said, which may be true. All clubs have the variety of people who like to do different things.



Seniors Anthony Finney, Jennifer Stiles, and Leslie Millard (above) discuss ideas during a RAVE meeting. Sophomore Demack Palm (below) plays Naruto for the Wii. Palm is also in Best Buddies.



Junior Shaun Knapp (above) votes for a movie during the Thespians meeting. Knitting club (middle top) is also one of the few "odd clubs." Librarian Pam Pilcher (left) helps Esther Choi during one of the meetings. Seniors Anthony Finney, Jennifer Stiles, and Leslie Millard (above) discuss ideas during a RAVE meeting.



Freshmen Alan Vasquez and Tim Lettier (above) play Halo 3. All are considered regulars in the Gamers club. The Gamers club was started at the beginning of the year.





*The Dance team (above) performs their routine during half time of a boys varsity basketball game. The Dance team got a late start this year but still managed to perform at some games.*



**Thespians** (left) Front row: Valerie Vivian, Shaun Knapp, Stephanie Mondon.  
Row 2: Hillary Olsen, Jordan Taha, Adam Beaves, Kendra Swanson, Hillary Pierson, Katie Taylor, Jessie Christianson, Whitney Woodyard, Elizabeth Hewitt.  
Row 3: Tim Nelson, Christine Attey, Sarah Kleinhesselink, Adam Sterns, Gavin Gallegos, Jordan Saltonstall.  
Back row: Sam Kyker.



Juniors Whitney Woodyard and Hillary Olson (left) listen to the Thespians board during a meeting. They both participate in plays.

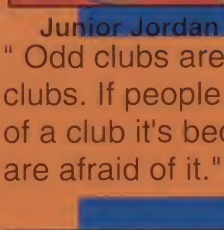
Junior Ashley Machamer leads in worship during a meeting. Machamer has been in the club for two years.

Reason Bible club Front row: Charles Machamer, Madelyn Plain, Glenysha Morris, Matt Murr  
Top: Michael Roby, Ben Hawks, Kaleah Plain, Ashley Machammer, Lisa Fried, Tyler Armel  
Not Pictured: Miranda Murr, Katie Hawks, Maggie Quernemoen, Stephanie Quernemoen, Paige Gibler, Erin Hawks, Jamie Howett



**Junior Zachary Colbert**

"I don't think there is such thing as odd clubs."



**Junior Jordan Saltonstall**

"Odd clubs are good clubs. If people make fun of a club it's because they are afraid of it."



**Junior Kaleah Plain**

"One of the many off the normal beaten path clubs. It's different. It's not common at every school."



**Sophomore Basil Vennard**

"A club that most schools don't have."





# Gay Straight Alliance



"You don't choose to be gay, you're born that way."

Stephen Boatwright

Gay  
Lesbian  
Bisexual  
Transgender  
Queer  
Questioning  
Allied  
is o.k. in my book!

"I HATE GAY PEOPLE," is a statement that makes people like the President of GSA, Kathryn LeRoy, join clubs like GSA. "Those are words that shouldn't be heard or spoken by anyone," she said.

"When I was in the eighth grade, a few friends of mine and I started GSA," Vice President Stephen Boatwright said.

"It was the first middle school in Iowa to have a club like GSA. I helped start GSA because I wanted to make a safer environment for people that are born different."

What does GSA really stand for? GSA stands for the Gay Straight Alliance. It's simply a club for people standing up for gay rights.

"Is it only for gay people?" is another commonly asked question.

"No, it's not for just Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Questioning (GLBTQQ), it's for anyone that wants to make a difference in the community," Boatwright said.

GSA members went downtown to the Iowa state capitol Mar. 5 to lobby for gay rights.

"With the good thoughts on their minds," GSA members wrote 30 notes that got read by state representatives and senate members.

The GSA members fought hard to get people to understand where they are coming from, and now state representatives are considering what they had to say.



Front Row: Kira Herron, Logan Sanders, Korissa Seeley, Lindy Beyerink, Amber Trimble

Back Row: Alex Gareite, Stephen Boatwright, Robert Buckley, Dylan Warren, Kathryn LeRoy, Shandie Carlson, Stephanie Mondon

Students Thomas Paulsen, Jen Delmeyer, and senior Thomas Foster (below) are writing a review of what happened and what they learned at a rally Mar. 5. Freshmen Shandie Carlson and Logan Sanders (far right) relax and talk about what they are going to say at the capitol. Sophomore Kathryn LeRoy writes down her thoughts about lobbying for gay rights.



Q: Do you approve or disapprove of gay rights?

Q: What is your favorite part about GSA?

Sophomore Kathryn LeRoy, and freshmen Logan Sanders and Lindy Beyerink (right) make Valentine's Day cards for Meals On Wheels while sophomore Stephen Boatwright fixes his colorful toe socks.



"I approve of gay rights because I feel that everyone should be treated the same way not different because they're sexuality."

senior Nakia Prather.



"My favorite part of GSA is the character that comes out of people when we're talking about something important."

President of GSA Kathryn LeRoy, sophomore.



# Keep it green and gold

Save a tree... save the World

The environmental club is all about making the world a safer and more environmental friendly. The club starts at the beginning of the school year and ends at the end of the school year.

According to *Bikeroute.com*, 80 percent of forests are gone and 2,000 trees are cut down each minute from the Amazon. That is seven football fields a minute. According to the same site, America has five percent of the population in the world and 30 percent of the waste produced in the world.

According to *library.thinkquest.org*, 50-100 species of animals and plants become extinct due to the fact that humans destroy their environment.

The theme this year is "Keep it Green and Gold." A member of the club is Matthew Muldoon. Muldoon is a junior and has been in environmental club for two years.

"I wanted to help boost Hoover's reputation," Muldoon stated. The club has planted trees around campus and is planning on planting even more.

"Everyone in school should join," Muldoon said. Maribeth Newman is the administrator of the club, and has been the coordinator for a year and a half.

"Mrs. Newman is really friendly, that's why I come back," Muldoon said.

Joining environmental club is fairly simple. Just talk to Newman after school and ask if its possible for anybody to join. The meetings are 15-20 minutes long and the club meets every Wednesday after school in Newman's classroom.

Overall if the environment is important enough to live in, maybe its important to take care of. That's what the environmental club is all about.



Senior Emily Tow (above) shows off her t-shirt for the Environmental club this year. Tow was a founder of the club. The club has been around for a year and a half.



Seniors Amina Kader and Jenny Nguyen (above) carry a recycle bin of mulch for the tree planting. Both girls are also involved in tennis.

Front row: Maribeth Newman, Tran Dang, Ajla Kopic, Kathryn LeRoy  
Back row: Christopher Wilkerson, Bryne Berry, Mathew Mouldoon, Blair Taylor Wagner  
Not pictured: Emily Tow



Juniors Christopher Wilkerson and Jacob Leonard (above) plant a tree next to the football field. Wilkerson is a member of environmental club and Leonard worked for extra credit. Leonard is in football and baseball. Wilkerson is also in basketball. Math teacher Maribeth Newman (below) discusses ways to sell t-shirts. The shirts say "Keep it Green and Gold." They were sold in the student center during lunch.

## 5 Environmental Facts

from [library.thinkquest.org](http://library.thinkquest.org)

- 1) Energy saved from one recycled aluminum can will operate a TV set for 3 hours, and is the equivalent to half a can of gasoline.
- 2) One ton of carbon dioxide that is released in the air can be prevented by replacing every 75-watt light bulbs with energy efficient bulbs
- 3) Enough glass was thrown away in 1990 to fill the Twin Towers (1,350 feet high) of New York's World Trade Center every two weeks
- 4) About 1 percent of U.S. landfill space is full of disposable diapers, which take 500 years to decompose
- 5) Every ton of recycled office paper saves 380 gallons of oil





# ESPAÑOL Communication is key FRANÇAIS!

## Spanish and French clubs discover importance of learning different languages and delve into diverse cultures

The Spanish and French clubs were created to provide students with the opportunity to further their understanding of a different culture. Although both have managed to accomplish their goals, they were not immune to a few common problems along the way.

Senior Hillary Pierson, president of the Spanish club, has taken five years of Spanish. It was one of Pierson's classes that started the club.

"Last year a bunch of seniors and I were in Spanish four and we heard an announcement about French club," Pierson said. "Then we all started asking Mrs. Dycus why there wasn't a Spanish club."

Spanish teacher and club adviser Mary Dycus told her students that she would help out with the club if enough students were interested in joining. A good group of students came together and the club began to do then what they are doing now.

"Basically we get together and talk about what kind of service project we can do or what we could do to further our learning of Spanish and the culture," Pierson said.

Over the summer, Pierson went on a mission trip to Honduras and completed the club's service project from last year that provided kids with vitamins.

Other than their yearly service project, the members work to better their understanding of the Spanish language. Pierson realizes the importance of learning a different language.

"Us being a neighboring country to a

Spanish speaking country, Spanish often comes in very handy when you're trying to help someone or someone's trying to help you," Pierson said.

The Spanish club is small compared to last year and it might be because of one factor that the Spanish and French clubs do not share.

"Every one that is in the club takes Spanish class," Pierson said, "which is one way that it differs from French club."

French and Spanish teacher Beth Eilers has been the adviser of French club for the last four years.

"Students that are in French club gain more knowledge of the French culture," Eilers said.

In order to enhance their knowledge of the French language, the club watches French movies. Not much more is done with the language though.

"We don't speak a lot of French because different students are on different levels," Eilers said. "We speak French here and there."

Senior Laurah Mwirichia joined French club because she wanted to practice her French. Mwirichia enjoys the club because she gets to eat, socialize and watch movies.

"I learn more about the French culture, too," Mwirichia said.

Like Pierson, Mwirichia stresses the importance of learning a different language.

"Not everyone in the world speaks English," Mwirichia said. "It's important to be able to communicate with other people."



*The Spanish club interrupts a French club meeting to jeer at the members. In a friendly, yet fierce way, French club retaliates as pictured below.*



*Emily Kempel, Stephanie Daugenbaugh, Laurah Mwirichia, Elizabeth Hewitt, Bridgette Andrews, Jenny Nguyen, Katie King, Berina Smaljovic, Beth Eilers. The club retaliates to the spanish club's taunting pictured above.*



*Ashley Machamer, Hillary Pierson, Shaqueta Fox, Luke Gude, Hannah Allen, and Bridgette Andrews.*



*Back row: Emily Kemple, Stephanie Daughenbaugh, Elizabeth Hewitt, Amina Kader, Jenny Nguyen, Berina Smajlovic, Beth Eillers. Front row: Laurah Mwirichia, Bridgette Andrews, and Katie King.*

## Mini foreign language exam

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1.) Mujer<br>a. bathroom<br>b. woman<br>c. toy<br>d. car  | 4.) Chaussure<br>a. driver<br>b. dentist<br>c. shoe<br>d. chore  |
| 2.) Me gusta la música de rock<br>a. I like to rock to music<br>b. I like to eat rocks<br>c. I enjoy looking at rocks<br>d. I like rock music | 5.) J'ai besoin d'eau<br>a. I need a bath<br>b. I need a mint<br>c. I need water<br>d. I need some pants |
| 3.) Caliente<br>a. dog<br>b. iguana<br>c. hot<br>d. calling   | 6.) Bonjour<br>a. hello<br>b. debt<br>c. shirt<br>d. mouse   |

Answers: 1.) b 2.) c 3.) b 4.) c 5.) c 6.) a



*Above: Foreign language teachers Beth Eilers, Mary Dycus, and Terri Dessauer show off their club t-shirts.*





## IT HAS BEEN TOO LONG

The first talent show in many, many years.

It has been many years since the last talent show and it takes the work of many people to put it together.

The talent show was an exciting and fun experience for those in it and those who watched it. Parents were also invited to come watch their children perform.

"My mom was there to watch me and my bro perform together," sophomore Alexis Edwards said.

There were 12 acts and Edwards was one of them. Edwards sang a song called **Faith** while her brother John McCutchen played the piano.

Another act was performed by teacher Scott Davis where he played the trumpet. Davis played a variety of songs including **Winter Wonderland**.

"My favorite act was when they played Walking in a Winter Wonderland," sophomore Jessica Rude said.

Rude attended the talent show and enjoyed it, but thought some acts were a little inappropriate.

"It was nice to get out of class, but I thought that most of the acts

were a bit inappropriate," Rude said.

The purpose of the talent show was a chance for students to show off their talent to the student body but for many it was just a chance to get out of class.

"I wanted to go to get out of class because it sounded fun," Rude said.

There were also some who came for more than just getting out of class.

"I wanted to watch people dance and show off their talent and get out of class," freshman Thalica Meza said.

Talk of another talent show has interested some and not interested others to get involved.

"I probably wouldn't (get involved) by myself because I'm a chicken," Rude said.

Edwards on the other has shown interest.

"I love to sing, next I would sing and dance," Edwards said.

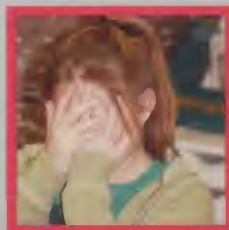
## What was your favorite part of the talent show?

"My favorite part of the talent show was when Sir William was singing because the crowd got real involved."

*Diero Buchanan, senior*



**Sophomore** Alexis Edwards and senior John McCutchen audition in vocal music teacher Anna Wolf's class. Edwards sang while McCutchen played the piano. **Seniors** Dana Hall and Stephon James stand on stage and introduce the next act. Hall and James were the MC's for the show. **Sophomore** Parker Wolfe plays the drums for Reckless Generation. **Seniors** Stephon James and freshman Lester Mwirichia perform their crumping act. **Sophomore** Tarah Daughenbaugh-Hunter reads a poem she wrote at the show. Daughenbaugh is also involved in Best Buddies.



"The four boys because they were good and stuff and most people could relate to it."

*Madi Rothman, sophomore*





Seniors Hillary Butler and Leslie Millard talk at a home game. Millard is involved in cheerleading, color guard, plays the flute in orchestra and is in NCYL, NHS, and is on the swimming team and is the co-founder of the Rave Club.

The seniors (right) cheer at a pep assembly during Homecoming week. They had just won the spirit stick.



## Remembering your last moments

Four years came and went. Go ahead and reminisce when you were that freshman, walking into these doors. Well, say goodbye, because you will be walking out them for the last time. Sure you're ready to be the leaders and be on top of the school, tailgating at most of the football games, the ones in the front rows of the games, making all those senior t-shirts that you only have one year to wear. Are you ready to walk across that stage on May 23?

Say goodbye to all the friends you have made over the years, leave what you knew for the last most important years of your life. The end of all the Friday night games, the end of all the dances and activities that you have grown to love. You'll always remember what it feels to be that husky that you once were. Say goodbye to the class of 2008.

**YOU THINK YOU  
KNOW BUT YOU  
HAVE NO IDEA**



**Senior** Gabe Long sits as senior Stephanie Mulstay paints his face. Mulstay is involved in NCYL, Student Council, bowling and Best Buddies. Long is in NCYL.

**Seniors** Charisse Brown, Chanel Adair, Jessica Cozad and Michelle Zimmerman pose at Homecoming. Brown plays basketball and runs track.



**Seniors** Kristian Wood and Mitchell Stites (top) take pictures together at tailgating before one of the football games.



**Senior** Laura Gates (above) pours pop into the cups at tailgating. Tailgating is a ritual through out football season.



# SENIORS

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**Clockwise:** Seniors Carlinda Hedrick and Nhu Le talk during a home game. Senior Chase Anderson pretends to sleep at a community service project Reggie's Sleep out, held every year at Drake Stadium. Senior Stephon James wears the Husky costume. James was the mascot this year. Senior Drew Foster during spirit week on pajama day. Senior Katie Lavon playing a game at tailgating!



**Seniors** Jasmine Hayes and Chane Brooks audition for the talent show this year. Both girls are involved in the step team. Hayes is also a boys basketball manager



**Senior** Aaron Gottl (center left) smashes a pie into English teacher Nic Jackson's face. This activity was put on by Best Buddies. Gottl is involved in newspaper. Seniors Nadja Kantarevich and Alisa Husidic (above) hug after Husidic wins Homecoming queen. Senior basketball players Mike Kuhn and Jermaine Woods (above) pose at basketball practice. Kuhn is also involved in football and track. Seniors Amanda Achey and Jamie Spina read a book in English class. Seniors Sara Little and Sara Halverson pose for a picture on the party bus that some seniors rented for formal. Seniors Jessica Cam, Jasmine Howard and Dana Hall (above left) watch auditions for the talent show. Cam plays soccer. Hall is involved in soccer, student council and yearbook. She was also the talent show president. Senior Powderpuff team (above) waits for the game to start. Seniors Ashley Kitchen and Andre'a Jones (left) talk at a home basketball game



# Making the right choices...

## senior board makes the decisions

The senior class is at the top of the line. They basically run things, so they have to make their last year the best. In order to do that, there has to be some kind of committee. They came up with senior board.

"We are a committee that gets together and decides things for the senior class, like the class motto, flower, e.t.c.," senior Laurah Mwirichia said.

Without the senior board, there would be no motto or flower, let alone Prom. So to make it the best for their class, senior board has to be able to get everyone's input then be able to make it what everyone wants.

That's a pretty hard job for someone to do. To make it easier the seniors elect a president, vice president and secretary.

"This year something that is new are the committees. Since there were so many that wanted to join, I decided to let everyone join and just divided them up into small committees," Vice-principal Mel Green said.

So now that the organization is done, what types of things are the seniors coming up with?

"This year the committees are new and we will also have post Prom at Hoover," senior Esther Chol said.

With all the new things and all the hard decisions the seniors have to make, seniors get a sense of leadership out of the whole experience.

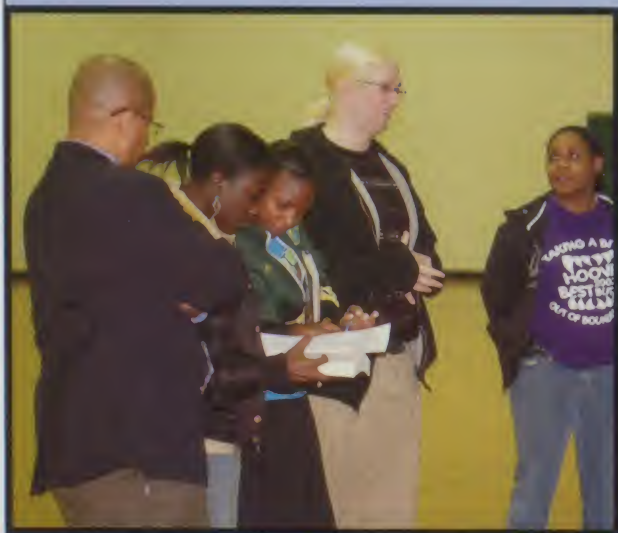
"I think senior board does show a lot of leadership, you have to be someone who can compromise and make people happy," Mwirichia said.

"I think a good leader is someone who is a good listener and a good decisions maker, gets the interest of the whole group," Green said.

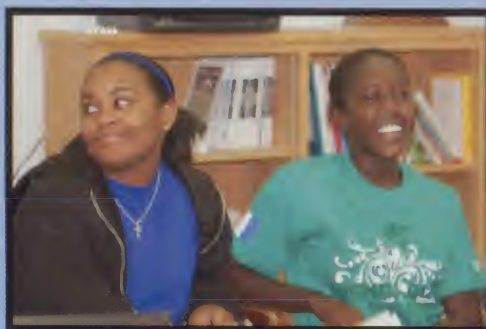
With a lot of effort and decision making, senior board gets the job done for third class and makes it the best for them.



Senior Sam Kyker (above) listens in depth to Vice-principal Mel Green. Kyker is senior board president. Kyker is also involved in drama.



Seniors Andrea Jones, Sam Kyker, Laurah Mwirichia, Esther Chol and Vice-principal Mel Green (above) stand and talk to the seniors about their agenda. They go through the different committees and tell them what they need to be doing.



Seniors Andrea Jones and Esther Chol laugh together and joke at an officers' meeting.



Front row: Jessie Benson, Jamie Spina, Alias Husidic, Madison Sconiers. Row 2: Jenny Stites, Jennifer Peppers, Nikki Kemp, Andrea Jones, Sam Kyker, Laurah Mwirichia, Ester Chole, Bridgette Andrews, Drew Foster. Back row: Jolie Monroe, Hillary Butler, Erika Tyler, Stephanie Mulstay, Chase Anderson, Dana Hall, Sara Little, Nhu Le, Michelle Zimmerman, Amina Kader, Jenny Nguyen



# What makes a good leader?



"A good leader is someone who can listen, make good decisions, makes goals, and gets the main interest of the whole group."

Vice-principal Mel Green



"A good leader is someone who can take the blame for what they have done and take all the ideas and put them together to get the interest of the whole group."

Senior Esther Chol



"A good leader is someone who can compromise and make people happy. They need to be able to take the fall for their decisions too."

Senior Laurah Mwirichia



Seniors Andrea Jones and Sam Kyker (top) talk about different situations senior board has to deal with. The other senior representatives (above) listen during the meeting. Some students give their opinions and ideas.



Vice-principal Mel Green (left) looks over his papers during school. Green has been a vice-principal at Hoover for two years.



Seniors Laurah Mwirichia and Amina Kader flip through books. They make the decisions on senior shirts, colors, moto and everything else for the senior class.



Seniors Andrea Jones and Nikki Kemp look thought Stumps prom and party book for decorations for Prom. The Prom theme is **A Night Among the Stars.**





*Antanula Achey*



*Chanel Adair*



*Gina Adkisson*



*Andrew Allen*



*Hannah Allen*



*Laquano Allen*



*Isba Amara*



*Chase Anderson*



*Ryan Anderson*



*Alaina Andorf*



*Bridgette Andrews*



*Noel Anthony*



*Anastasia Anzad*



*Kadifa Atajic*



*Christine Alley*

### Who is a teacher you won't forget?

"Mrs. Murphy because she has always been there for me."

**Andrea Jones**

"Coach Means because he influenced me to work my hardest in the weight room and myself to physical limits."

**Devlin Hogans**

"Mrs. Eilers because she was always kind and understanding."

**Diana Green**

*Class 2008*





*Madison Austin*



*Justin Barriere*



*Whitley Barber*



*Amanda Batista*



*Adam Beaves*



*Jesse Benson*



*Brittany Berry*



*Joseph Becker*



*Joshua Bradley*



*Mikyla Bright*



*Jeffrey Brighani*



*Chané Brooks*



*Charisse Brown*



*Jarrett Brown*



*Lashia Brown*



*Seniors Kylie Burr and Christine Atley hang out at a boys basketball game. Both girls go to all the home games together to show their spirit.*

## What will you miss about high school?

"Seeing the people I've known my whole life every day."

Liz Pecora

"The rockin' drama department that impacted my life and helped me grow up."

Kendra Swanson

"Seniors 2008; our class has so much school spirit."

Stephanie Davis





*Phylicia Brown*



*Jacqueline Bruce*



*Christopher Burkmore*



*Tiffany Burkmore*



*Kylie Burr*



*Charles Burrell*



*Hilary Butler*



*Debreanna Caldwell*



*Andrea Callison*



*Jessica Cam*



*Isamar Camacho*



*Tram Cao*



*Ryan Case*



*Diana Cavan*



*Brittany Chapman*

## What is something you can look back on and laugh about?

"Mr. Koch's class; it was oh-so-funny how he was everyone's hero."

Charisse Brown

"When Sara Little and I got in my car at lunch time and the inside was frosted, it took us forever before we could leave."

Kylie Burr

"Hanging out at Joe's on Friday nights after the basketball games."

Jacob Jacobi



*Seniors Cody Smith and McClain McCollum practice during powerpuff. This is McCollum's first year playing and Smith's second year coaching.*





*Esther Choi*



*Jessie Christensen*



*Jermaine Clinton*



*Jacob Cook*



*Benjamin Cooper*



*Lela Cowherd*



*Marilyn Cowles*



*Jessica Cozad*



*Stephen Crane*



*Alyssa Crawford*



*Gregory Dang*



*Shilob Daughenbaugh*



*Danielle Davis*



*London Davis*



*Stephanie Davis*

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## What is your favorite high school memory?

"Smashing a pie in Mr. Jackson's face in front of the whole school."

Aaron  
Gottl

"Getting to school on time and seeing all my friends. It was a good feeling to wake up and get somewhere."

Mario  
Garcia

"Seeing Mr. Danielson play basketball in the student faculty game."

Tanner  
Heintz





*Alexander Deeter*



*Vanessa DeLaCruz*



*Amber Dingman*



*Melicia Dumlagic*



*Kristene Dontje*



*Alisa Douglas*



*Denis Dzafic*



*Eitan Eastman*



*Carlina Evans*



*Christen Faust*



*Anthony Finney*



*Zachary Fish*



*Ryan Flemming*



*Markus Ford-Serch*



*Amanda Fordyce*

### What are your words of wisdom?

"Don't loose sight of yourself to become someone else or to fit in."

Nadja Kantarevic

"Have a good time and don't stress to much do or do not, because there is no try."

Daniel Oswald

"Don't put up with the drama; avoid it, because in the end it's just something to laugh about."

Frankie Kaiser

*Class of 2008*





*Andrew Foster*



*Thomas Foster*



*Tabanni Fountain*



*Shaqueta Fox*



*Xavier Fox*



*Kelvin Gabriel*



*Memo Gabriel*



*Donna Gaddy*



*Shelby Garner*



*Gavin Gallegos*



*William Gallows*



*Elva Galvan*



*Mario Garcia*



*Laura Gates*



*Joseph Gbormley*



*Senior Stephon James runs through offensive plays with some players of the powderpuff team. This is his second year coaching the team.*

## What do you want to accomplish in the future?

"Going to college and working hard to become a lawyer."

Ashley Inman

"I would like to continue playing soccer and at some point play professionally."

Juan Gonzalez

"Finding a career I enjoy and sticking to it throughout my life."

Brittany Chapman

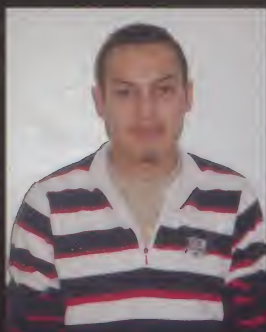




Aaron Ginn



Aaron Gynn



Juan Francisco  
Gonzalez



Benjamin Gordon



Aaron Gottl



Dianusa Green



Jacob Griffin



Mireka Hadzistamirovic



Dana Hall



Sara Holbertson



Jordan Hardin



Grant Harpoy



Benjamin Hawks



Jasmine Hayes



Kyle Hayes

## What is something important you've learned throughout high school?

"Not to let other people tell you and to do and knowing it's important to be your own person."

Brianna Landis

"Learning what is important in life and the things you'll need to achieve your goals."

Anthony Finney

"Don't do things you'll regret, and go to school to get what you want in life."

Justin Swanson



Seniors Shaqueta Fox and Blair Taylor-Wagner joke around at lunch time during homeroom. Taylor is involved in bowling and Fox is involved in Student Council.





*Carlinda Hedrick*



*Tanner Helms*



*Gustavo Hernandez*



*Jonathan Herriott*



*Elizabeth Hewitt*



*Amanda Hicks*



*Troy Hilson*



*Destin Hoggans*



*Spencer Hotek*



*Jacqueline Howard*



*Jasmine Howard*



*Alisa Itusidre*



*Ashley Inman*



*Gregory Isaacson*



*Jacob Jacobi*

# Class 2008

**What is a major goal you achieved during high school?**

"Taking calculus my senior year, because it was a hard class, but I worked hard and got through it."

Kristian Wood

"Working hard to get to my senior year without giving up."

Kenneth Washington

"Being on the honor roll all four years and being a part of NHS my senior year."

Sara Halverson





*Stephon James*



*Miguel Jimenez*



*Nathan Johnson*



*Andre'a Jones*



*Nathan Joy*



*Amila Jusic*



*Arming Kader*



*Nirman Kadric*



*Hafriisa Kadusic*



*Frankie Kaiser*



*Nadja Kamlarevic*



*Nicole Kemp*



*Rory Kenyon*



*Chardae King*



*Larissa King*

### Who has been your favorite teacher?

"Mrs. Renoux because she's like my mom at school and she never was disappointed."

Stephon James

"Ms. Koehler because she was a great teacher even though she was young."

Andrew Allen

"Mr. Hildreth because he's a great director and really makes an impact on people."

Emily Smith

*Class of 2008*





*Ashley Kitchen*



*Michael Kuhn*



*Samuel Kyker*



*James Lugeson*



*Brianna Landis*



*Nbu Le*



*Daniel Lemons*



*Jordan Lindaman*



*Sara Little*



*Nicholas Loftus*



*Gabriel Long*



*Katherine Loran*



*Joseph Markey*



*Justin Massaguist*



*Theodore Matthews*



*Senior Jenny Nguyen gets ready for the night at Reggie's Sleepout. Nguyen has been in National Honors Society for two years.*

## What is your favorite high school memory?

"Being in homeroom and preparing for the talent show that everyone enjoyed."

Jasmine Howard

"Winning three critic's choice banners for speech at all state."

Hillary Pierson

"Yelling 'Seniors 08' at every assembly to win the spirit stick, and dunking Mr. Wheeler."

Shaqueta Fox





*Nichole Matlock-Tolson*



*Samuel Abigona*



*Lorreal McCaune*



*McClain McCollum*



*Jon McCutchen*



*Alyssa McNeeley*



*Courtney McNeeley*



*Leslie Millard*



*Jessica Miller*



*Tysanda Millsap*



*Jaleel Mirzai*



*Jolie Monroe*



*Paul Montis*



*Mark Morris*



*Morgan Mortenson*

### What are your words of wisdom?

"Don't wait for the pride in the end; make the means something worth living for."

Andrew Foster

"Be involved, because it makes the years go by faster and you meet really great people."

Dana Hall

"Live life not in the past or future; always learn to live for the moment: that makes life important."

Laura Gates



*Seniors Kaitlyn Rooney and Joe Markey walk out of the spirit tunnel at the Homecoming assembly. Bob Rooney and Markey were Homecoming candidates.*





*John Mozee*



*Stephanie Mulstay*



*Laurab Matrichla*



*Emily Nation*



*Chad Nelson*



*Jenny Nguyen*



*Aslee Norris*



*Joshua O'Connor*



*Nathan Oakley*



*Anthony Olson*



*Daniel Oswald*



*Kevin Parker*



*Robert Patton*



*Brenae Payton*



*Elizabeth Pecora*

# Class of 2008

## What are your words of wisdom?

"Don't regret anything you do, because that's what makes you who you are today."

Nicole Kemp

"Do your best, but don't be too serious, because you'll miss out on the fun things."

Elizabeth Hewitt

"Do all that you can possibly do your freshman year and work hard, because it will pay off in the end."

Stephanie Mulstay





*Kyle Pederson*



*Jennifer Peppers*



*Amyl Peter*



*Hillary Pierson*



*Lakesha Pope*



*Alton Rader*



*Miguel Reyes*



*Eileen Riordan*



*Ramon Ramon*



*Kaitlyn Rooney*



*Peter Schomberg*



*Andreanna Schooley*



*Natalie Schooley*



*Madison Sconiers*



*Maja Seshis*

### What is your favorite high school memory?

"Watching the boys basketball team win state our sophomore year."

Ryan Flemming

"When we won the football game against Roosevelt by kicking a field goal during overtime."

Evan Eastman

"Brincks 101, when Chase taped her: that was classic."

Carlinda Hedrick

*Class of 2008*





*Ashely Signs*



*Matthew Silzer*



*Berina Smajlovic*



*Christopher Smith*



*Cody Smith*



*Emily Smith*



*Corey Soderquist*



*Jamie Spina*



*Adam Stearns*



*Rachel Stern*



*Troy Stewart*



*Jennifer Stites*



*Mitchell Stites*



*Amina Stilkovic*



*Eden Stokka*



*Seniors Kristian Wood, Enka Tyler, Frankie Kaiser, Chantelle Wildt, Zachary Toole, Gabe Long, Michelle Stites, Chardea King, Carlinda Hedrick, and Andrea Jones decorated shirts for the Student of All Seasons assembly. Seniors won the spirit stick during that assembly.*

**What is something you can look back on and laugh about?**

"The people who thought they had to be someone else in order to get through high school."

**John Mozee Jr.**

"How things that seemed important in the past aren't anymore."

**Adam Beaves**

"The first day of high school and how scared everyone was, when really it wasn't a big deal."

**Nastasia Anzad**





*Heather Stull*



*Brittany Sutton*



*Justin Swanson*



*Kendra Swanson*



*Katherine Taylor*



*Blair Taylor-Wagner*



*Stephanie Tew*



*Zachary Toole*



*Monori Torres*



*Emily Tow*



*Tytrance Proubridge*



*David Turner*



*Erika Tyler*



*Irma Vates*



*Dillon Venito*

## Who has been your favorite teacher?

"Mrs. Stockton, because she prepares you for life and she has a great sense of humor, but she's tough."

Stephen Crane

"Mr. Jackson, because he makes class interesting and it's fun to listen to him teach."

Amanda Fordyce

"Mr. Pilcher, he has helped me become the person I am today by teaching me to never give up and he's always believed in me."

Sara Little



Senior Jermaine Woods stretches before a basketball game. Woods has been on the team all four years and is planning on playing after high school.





*Goran Vojvodic*



*Allyn Vrabec*



*Wal Wal*



*Aaron Wzwestuck*



*Kenneth Washington*



*Megan Waters*



*McPeter Waylee*



*Daylan Wesley*



*Justin Wesley*



*Meredith Westberg*



*Katie Whitlow*



*Cchantelle Wildt*



*Zachary Wilhelm*



*Evan Wilson*



*Kristian Wood*

# Class of 2008

What is something you want to accomplish in the future?

"I would like to learn nine or more languages and travel the world."

Bridgette Andrews

"Run my own real estate company after graduating from college."

Markus Ford-Serck

"I want to make a difference in the world and reach my best potential with my goals".

Courtney McNeeley





*Jermaine Woods*



*Joshua Woodyard*



*Charles Zanders*

Class motto: "What appears to be the end may really be a new beginning."

Class colors:  
red and black

Class flower: Iris

Graduation date:  
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you?



*Tiara Ziegler*



*Michelle Zimmerman*



*Amanda Zylstra*

### Not Pictured

Whitney Brannon  
Luis Castillo  
Marcus Chapman  
Tammy Cram  
Caleb Dennison  
Semir Dzankovic  
Daniel Egli  
Zachary Gogerty  
Maja Grahovic  
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Han Ho  
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Eric Neil  
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Darryl Parker  
Nicholas Rist  
Glendon Rutherford  
Austin Schaller  
Austin Shetler  
Shannon Stokes  
Erkisha Webster



*Charelle Evans*

### What are your words of wisdom?

"Always be  
happy in  
everything you  
do and try from  
the heart of  
yousef."

Tiara  
Ziegler

"Don't count  
on tomorrow  
when today  
isn't over."

Joshua  
Woodyard

"Save the fun  
for your senior  
year but don't  
get in too  
much trouble."

Esther  
Choi

"If it sounds  
like a bad idea  
then most likely  
you shouldn't  
do it."

Christian  
Faust

"Be yourself  
instead of  
like  
everyone  
else."

Jessica  
Cam

"Stay true to  
your strengths,  
they will get  
you far to  
achieve  
greatness."

Joseph  
Ghormley



# CLASS OF 2008

YOU THINK YOU KNOW BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA





# BABY A D S



Babies all grown up

Chase Anderson



Chase,  
It sure is hard to believe your graduation date is here. You have given us so many smiles and even more laughs! We are very proud of all your hard work along the way. Enjoy your "trip" to Missouri, set your goals and go after them.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, Amber and Elsa  
P.S. Throw Strikes!

Reach for the stars.

Work hard to make all your dreams come true.

I'm so proud to have you as my son.



Love,  
Mom



Andrew Allen

Christine Attey



Christine,  
You have grown into a young woman that we are so proud of. Always Keep Your Faith and Be True To Yourself.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Jen

Madison.

Where have all the years gone?  
Our little girl is all grown up. We are very proud of you and the honest, caring person you are. Pursue your dream, you will succeed. Keep on cooking.

Love  
Dad and Mom



Madison Austin



Adam Beaves



From a devil to a Grinch to a Prince- your life has been full. We are very proud of all you have accomplished and the wonderful young man you have become.

We love you,  
Dad, Mom, and Abby

Kylie,

We have always been so proud of you and everything you do. Keep up the hard work and you will go far. Good luck in the future.

Love Always,  
Mom and Dad



Kylie Burr

Debreanna Caldwell



Like a rose you're growing, blossoming, beautiful inside and out, along with a very few thorns. Fun loving, adventurous you will go far and be a light, a comfort and pleasure to be around. "Hats off to Debby," you're awesome.

-Mom

We love you!  
Congrats!!

-Mom and Dad



Andrea Callison

Alyssa Crawford



Alyssa,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you and the things you have accomplished in your life. Graduation is just the beginning of a wonderful journey for you. Follow your dreams and always remember 143!

Love,  
Mom

Stephanie,

One minute you were a little girl. The next minute you had turned into a smart and beautiful young woman. We are very proud of all of your accomplishments and we know that there are more to come. We love you.

-Mom, Dad, Tina and Ashley



Stephanie Davis

Cherelle Evans



God bless and congratulations to our daughter Cherelle (twinkie) Danielle Evans. "We are so proud of you!"

Tahaun,

My first born. The child that has been with me the longest. You have taught me so much. Where do I begin? Take God with you wherever you go, and he will make all your dreams come true.

Love always,  
Mom



Tahaun Fountain



Aaron Ginn



Congratulations Aaron! What a blessing you have been. Follow your dreams and always believe in yourself. Safe journey through your future adventures in life.

Love you,  
Mom, Dad, and Andy

Dear Aaron,

You are dedicated, hardworking, compassionate and creative! Follow your dreams and may your music ways bring your happiness. We are so proud of you Celloman.

Love,  
Mom, Dad, and Myra



Aaron Gotti

Sara Halverson



Brains and Beauty too, what more could we ask for? We are so proud of you, continue to be the loving, caring person that you are and you will go far in life.

Love you,  
Mom and dad

From January 1, 1990 you have been a joy. Grandpa Max's eyes always lit up when he saw you and he continues to watch over you with love from above.

Love,  
Grandma Halverson



Sara Halverson

Carlinda Hedrick



Carlinda,

My daughter, my laughter, my anchor, my friend. I will miss you so much. May God bless you and keep you safe while you journey through life. We love you spoiled rotten brat.

Mam and Poppa

Elizabeth,

We are very proud of who you have become and all your accomplishments. You are a smart, sensitive, beautiful woman. I will always be here for you!

Love,  
Mom, Rachel,  
Sam and John



Elizabeth Hewitt

Jacob Jacobi



Dear Bubby,

It is an honor to be your parents. We look back with pride at the path we have guided you along during your first 18 years. No there is a road for you to travel that stretches far ahead. Remember you will never be alone on that journey either. We love you, son.

-Mommy and Poppy

We are proud of you.  
You're forever our princess.

Love always,  
Mom and Blair



Frankie Kaiser



Frankie Kaiser



We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments! Keep going for your goals!! Congratulations and we love you.

-Dad, Kelley, Jaymes, and Nannie

Mike,

Be strong- be brave-be happy- do right-do well- choose wisely. Our wish for you will always be the best life has to offer.

Love,  
Mom and Dad



Mike Kuhn

Nikki Kemp



Your dad and I are very proud of you and know you will succeed in anything you set your mind to.

Love always and forever,  
Mom and Dad

To my darling baby sister! Congrats honey, we all love you so much. Words can't describe how proud I am of you! Good luck at Iowa State. Get it girl!  
Love always,  
Afton

Love always,  
Afton



Sara Little

Sara Little



CONGRATULATIONS! We are so proud of you. You are a wonderful daughter. Your smile beautiful smile brightens each day.

Love,  
mom and dad

Katie, beloved daughter. Delighting and challenging us for the very start. Making our life full and fun. Filling our hearts with joy and pride.

We love you always. Mom and Dad



Katie Lovan

Joseph Markey



You always were a snappy dresser- but I was the one dressing you. You became independent way too soon- I miss my baby. But I am so proud of the man you're becoming.

Love Always,  
Mom

Leslie Ann,

Time to roar lion cub! It's a whole new life, take every opportunity, live every dream, the work is yours. We're so proud of you! Oh, and Les, "HAVE A NICE DAY!"

All our love,  
Mom an Rachel



Leslie Millard



Leslie Millard



Leslie,

I can't believe you have grown up so fast! You can do anything you set your mind to so don't let anyone or anything hold you back.

I am so very proud of you!

Love,  
Dad

Jenny,

We are so proud of you! For 18 years we've watched you grow from baby girl to a beautiful young lady. You're a great role model, a loving daughter and a great sister. Whatever you decided to do in life, we know you'll be great success. Good luck - the best is yet to come and always remember how much we love you!

Love,

Mom, Jojo and Johnny



Jenny Nguyen

Josh O'Conner



Josh,

From age one to eighteen you have ALWAYS been good at getting into things! Your curious mind leads you, but your loving heart makes you.

Love you always,  
Mom

Whose name means laughter- you've entertained us with your own unique language ("smarch, rooz-cooz"), imaginary friends (salamur breadsticks) and those HILARIOUS, detailed stories you're known for! Your determination, kindness and faith will take you where you want to go. God bless you always. we're so proud of you.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Hillary Pierson

Andreanna Schooley



Andreanna (aka chef Andie),

It has been quite a journey - from India to where you are today. We are so happy that we have been able to travel that journey with you. Your future looks bright. You can make it happen. happy cooking.

Lots of love,  
Mom and dad

Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater. You have always made us proud. Thanks for all the memories of soccer, track, football, listening to "Tears in Heaven" 4000 times, telling you to "turn it down." We love ya!

-Mom and Dad



Peter Schoneberg

Ashley Signs



Congratulations on four successful years at Hoover. I'm so proud of you and always will be (as long as you make good choices)!

-Aunt Debbie

Congratulation, Katie, on your graduation from Hoover High School! You've accomplished so much and have had so much fun along the way. May all the adventures before you be as rewarding!

Love always,  
Mom & Dad



Katie Taylor



Amanda Fordyce



Mandy,

I'm so proud of the person you have become. Your talent and personality will help you achieve whatever goals you set for yourself. My life has been truly blessed with you as my daughter.

I love you,  
Mom

Mandy,

You've been a great joy since you and your mom came into my life. I'm proud to call you my step daughter and believe, with your poise and personality, you'll experience nothing but success in the years to come.

-Dad

Chantelle Wildt



Chantelle,

From the moment of your early arrival and through the years so much to be proud of! Hope your future is a wonderful journey. you're a beautiful treasure and "Queenie" we love you endlessly.

Mom, Dad, Joe and  
Beth

Hannah Allen



Look who is all grown up! Hannah, you have become such a beautiful young woman. We are so proud of you. Keep smiling and keep climbing- this is just the beginning!

Love,  
Dad, Mom and Sydney

We are so proud of you. You have grown into a beautiful young lady. Follow your dreams and you will go far. We love you baby girl!

-Mom, Dad, Nathan,  
Adam and Alex



Erika Tyler

What's in a name?  
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tuck, Tuky, K-Dubb,  
Babooska. What's in  
a name? One  
wonderful young  
man!!!

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Kenny Washington

To my baby,

You did it! I am SO proud of you. I know you'll succeed in life, with everything you do add a special touch of yourself.

Love always,  
Mom



Michelle Zimmerman

Congratulations Amanda Lynn. We are grateful and pleased that you are completing your high school education with such grace and accomplishments. Along the way, you shared your life with us and brought so much happiness. We will always cherish your friendly, kind and affectionate demeanor. Our best wishes and prayers will always be for your future endeavors and happiness.

-Aunt Nina, Grandma Bhanu and Grandpa Ambrose Moses



Amanda Fordyce



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just about every sport available. You have been a busy guy the last few  
years....no slowing you down.

-----  
Your drive to succeed at everything you attempt is not matched by  
many.....

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impressive: 3.93 GPA, Upper 3% of your class, Central Academy honor  
student, NCYL honoree, All-Conference awards in baseball and football,  
Academic and Athletic letters in Baseball, Football, Track and quite a leader at  
all times. We were impressed.

**So, I guess it goes without saying that we are indeed  
proud of you!**

And Finally, it would not be complete if we did not thank you for causing us  
very little concern the last 18 years. You are your mothers light and your  
father's hero- your fathers heart and your mother's soul. IF we had known  
you'd be so rewarding we would have had 10!

*Continue to challenge yourself and success will follow.*

**Love ya much!**

**Mom and Dad**



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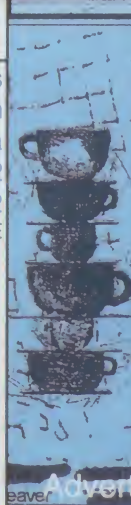
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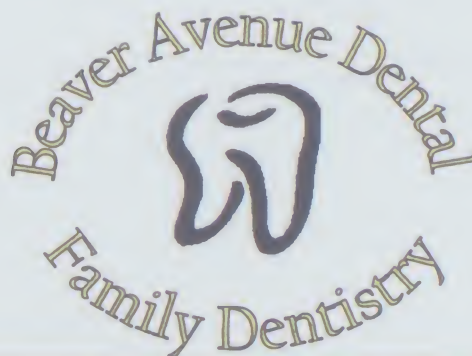
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